



St Joseph's Catholic Middle School

The family of St. Joseph's loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus

Monthly Newsletter – Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting month at St. Josephs with the announcement that we are planning to extend our provision into year 9 and beyond. We have had such positive feedback from so many people. The consultation process is ongoing now so please read and comment on the proposal. A link to the consultation can be found on the front page of our website.

Also, our year 6s coped extremely well with their external assessments. Their results will arrive in school on or around the 9th of July. We also celebrated Accession Day in school, and it was a pleasure to hear our students sing so well. We also have had lots of students representing the school in Sports competitions. These continue during this half term.

Mr N A Wood

Please see the following Catholic Life News:

Below are the dates for our upcoming class masses for the rest of the term. We would like to invite parents and carers of pupils to join us in school on the day of your child's class mass. The service will begin in our school chapel at 11:15am and visitors will be invited to join the class afterwards for tea or coffee while our pupils enjoy their lunch. Upcoming dates of class masses:

7C- Thursday 20th June

8C- Monday 24th June

7CO- Monday 8th July

A huge thank you to Fr Paul and Fr Jeff for celebrating mass with each of our classes and with our staff in school this year.

Leavers' Mass:

On the last day of term, Friday 19th July, we will celebrate our Leaver's Mass in St Mary's Church at 10am as a whole school. Parents and carers are invited to join us in church for the occasion.



Attendance Update:

Attendance at school is the single most important aspect of school life, what could be more important than being here! Please see below the current attendance figures for each pastoral, well done to 7 Cuthbert/Oswald for leading the way with your fantastic attendance so far this year!

Pastoral Class	Attendance to date
7 Cuthbert/Oswald	95.2%
5 Cuthbert	95%
7 Cuthbert	94.8%
7 Oswald	94.6%
5 Oswald	94.5%
8 Oswald	94.3%
6 Cuthbert	94.2%
6 Oswald	93.4%
8 Cuthbert	93.2%

Sports:

Our KS2 boys and girls cricket teams took part in the Tynedale cricket festival at Stocksfield at the start of June



Athletics:

25 pupils from Y6, Y7 and Y8 represented Hexham in the Tynedale athletics at the Wentworth track on Thursday 13th June.



Sports Leaders:

Our Y8 sports leaders have been busy this half term running clubs and assisting with the Y4 Quad kids sports event and the KS2 cricket festival at Stocksfield. Some excellent leadership skills have been demonstrated and it has been fantastic to hear the positive comments from staff members from other schools about them. Their next jobs are to run the Y4 transition rounders afternoon and the sports day event on the last Wednesday of term.



DPM Seven Rugby Tournament:



Congratulations to one of our Y8 pupils who was part of the winning team who took part in the DPM Seven Rugby Tournament last weekend.

P.T.A. News:

Today, we held our annual summer fair at St Joseph's. Once again, we must thank everyone who supports these events in any way, we could not do it without you! There was a bit of a mixture of weathers, but we did manage to hold the fair outside which is always a bonus. Once all the donations are counted, we will let you know the full amount raised.

Silent Auction:

One of our Y6 parents, who is an artist, has very kindly offered a child's portrait to help raise funds for the PTA. The portrait will be done from a photograph and as we do not have a raffle at the summer fair, we have decided to hold a Silent Auction for this prize. We will be sending details out about this next week.





Disco Dates:

Friday 12th July 2024 7 – 8.30pm

If you are available to help on the night, please contact the school office and leave a message for Mrs Stoves.

Safeguarding Updates:

As many of you will be aware there has been a [national awareness campaign](#) being raised by the National Crime Agency (NCA). Whilst we would hope that no pupils of middle school age would be targeted, the best approach to protecting our pupils is proactively ensuring we are aware of risks that arise, especially when it comes to the digital arena.

Please follow the link below for further information regarding this from the NCA:

[Sextortion \(webcam blackmail\) - National Crime Agency](#)

Upcoming Events at a Glance:

Date	Activity
Monday 17 th – Wednesday 19 th June	Arts Week at St Joseph's - All pupils to come to school in PE kit Mon - Wed
Tuesday 18 th June	Y8 HPV Catch up
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th June	KS3 Trip to London
Friday 28 th June	7C/O Fundraiser – details to follow
Tuesday 9 th July	Transition Day – details to follow Y4 Parents' Evening – details to follow
Wednesday 10 th July – Friday 12 th July	Y6 trip to Robin Wood

Our Prayer

May God give wisdom and courage
to those who work for peace.
We pray that their efforts may be blessed,
that they may bring an end to violence
and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls,
convert all who live by violence
and comfort all children who live in menacing situations,
that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know
peace of mind and heart,
peace of body and spirit,
peace of community and world.

Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer.

Amen.

God bless,

N. A. Wood

Mr N Wood

