



# Mrs Carr's Newsletter

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17th February 2024



# Our mission

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St Joseph's is a place of learning, where we grow in faith and feel safe, loved and encouraged each day.

We value everyone, knowing that we are stronger when we work together.

Through the virtues, we show care and respect for our families, friends, neighbours and our Common Home.

We try to live like Jesus, With God and Saint Joseph by our side.

# INSET Day

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024



# Back to school

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Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024



# World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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Dress as your favourite book character for the day

'Come Read With Me' – please come and join us on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 8:30am – 9am for tea, toast and reading (children will have the opportunity to read their school reading book to you, or chose from a selection of books in the hall) All family members welcome

# OPAL

We are SO excited to be launching OPAL on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February!

We will be opening up new areas for play over the school site where children will be able to den build, climb trees, dress up, play with lego/dinosaurs/cars/dolls, dig and play in the mud kitchen!

We will start the day with a Play Assembly where we will outline the play rules, and involve children in the risk benefits and mitigation.

# OPAL essentials

- All children will need a pair of NAMED wellies to leave in school (until the end of the school year) please
- Without wellies they won't be able to play in the mud kitchen/den building/tree climbing areas
- To protect school uniforms from mud, please send in waterproofs/outdoor suit, if you think your child will need this (also named)
- Children will remove ties before lunch play
- From now on the school hall will be open throughout the lunch hour, for children to choose when they would like to eat (we have a new monitoring system in place to ensure we know that every child has eaten)

# Clubs

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Monday: KS2 Football



Wednesday: Y1/2 Dance and Y5/6 Coding



Thursday: Y5/6 Gymnastics and KS2 Musical Theatre



# Parents Evening

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Allen will share information  
when the booking system is open

# Safeguarding Update

We took part in Safer Internet Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> February

We will continue to develop our knowledge of staying safe online with a whole week dedicated to this on 11<sup>th</sup> March for all pupils in school

I will be sharing important information about 'What Trusted Adults Need to Know about Social Media and Mental Health'

Please also be mindful of social media apps and their age ratings

## APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

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Facebook



Snapchat



Instagram



Twitter



TikTok



Kik



YouNow



Yubo



House Party



Monkey

16+

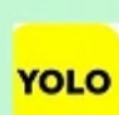


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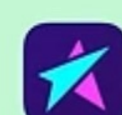


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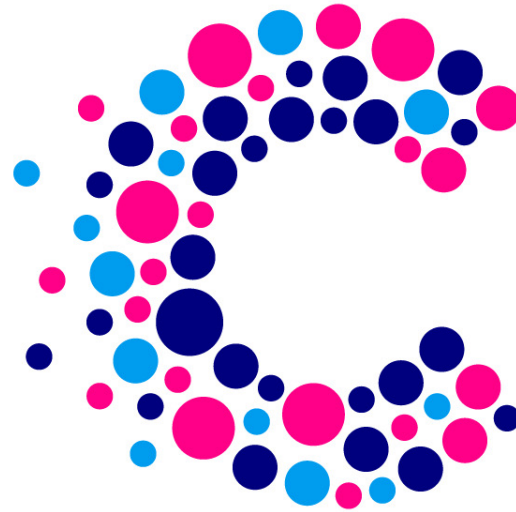
# Catholic Life Update

Our School Chaplains have been active around school: leading prayer across the school, they have done a great job of creating and updating their Chaplaincy display too.

Our School Chaplains are proud to wear their new liturgical coloured school ties!

Pupils really enjoyed the Judaism workshops held in school and visiting the Gurdwara, Mandir Temple and Mosque in Derby recently.

# Upcoming Fundraiser



**CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK**

- Cancer Research is our chosen charity (voted by School Chaplains)
- We have some upcoming events planned for the following term



# SATS

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Year 6 parents are invited to a SATS information session with Mrs Barratt on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm (in the Y6 classroom)

# Adverse Weather

If we should need to close school due to snowy conditions (or indeed flooding!) we aim to contact you as early as possible on the day of closure via Class Dojo.



During snowy/icy weather conditions, we ask that you send your children to school with hats, gloves, coats and wellies (if possible) so that they can continue to access outdoor learning and play.



# Discover our new Autumn & Winter menu

Seasonal vegetables or salad served with every meal

## Week 1

W/C: 06.11.23 / 27.11.23 / 18.12.23 / 22.01.24 / \*12.02.24 / 11.03.24

### MONDAY

British chicken in a korma or tikka sauce 🍗 🌿

Vegetable & chickpea curry 🌿 🌱

served on a bed of rice with a homemade flatbread 🍗 🌿 🌱

Cook's choice of cookie 🍪

### TUESDAY

Margarita pizza 🍗 🌿 🌱  
creamy mozzarella & tomato on a deep pan pizza base

Veggie mince tortilla stack 🌿 🌱 🌿

served with tomato pasta 🍗

Chocolate & beetroot brownie 🍪 🌿

### WEDNESDAY

British roast chicken with stuffing 🍗 & gravy

Butter bean & vegetable bake, with a crispy cheese topping 🌿 🌱 🌿

served with creamy mash potatoes 🍗 & vegetables

Cornflake bar 🍪  
with a side portion of with fruit 🍎

### THURSDAY

Big British breakfast including sausage 🍗 & bacon

Big veggie breakfast; including vegan sausage & mushrooms 🌿 🌱

served with crispy potatoes, tomatoes & baked beans

Banana muffin 🍪 🌿

### FRIDAY

Breaded fish fingers 🐟 🌿

Cheese & tomato puff pastry pinwheel 🌿 🌱 🌿

served with chips & garden peas

Fruit crumble 🍪  
with custard 🍌

## Week 2

W/C: \*13.11.23 / 04.12.23 / 08.01.24 / 29.01.24 / 26.02.24 / 18.03.24

### MONDAY

Organic British beef meatballs 🍗  
in a tomato sauce

Quorn & vegetable stroganoff 🌿 🌱 🌿

served with pasta 🍗 & homemade garlic bread 🍪 🌿

Cook's choice of cookie 🍪

### TUESDAY

Margarita pizza 🍗 🌿 🌱  
creamy mozzarella & tomato on a deep pan pizza base 🌿

Quorn sausage pattie 🌿 🌱 🌿

served with potato wedges

Oaty flapjack with a side portion of fruit 🍪 🌿

### WEDNESDAY

British roast pork served with, apple sauce & gravy

Cauliflower cheese bake with a crispy crumb topping 🌿 🌱 🌿

served with creamy mash potatoes 🍗 & vegetables

Sprinkle cake 🍪 🌿 🌱

### THURSDAY

Organic British beef casserole, served with a Yorkshire pudding 🍗 🌿 🌱

Vegan sausage roll 🌿 🌱

served with potatoes 🍗 & gravy

Chocolate cracknel 🍪  
with a side portion of fruit 🍎

### FRIDAY

Breaded fish fingers 🐟 🌿

Crispy veggie fingers 🌿 🌱

served with chips & baked beans

Apple sponge 🍪  
with custard 🍌



# Week 3

W/C: 20.11.23 / 11.12.23 / \*15.01.24 / 05.02.24 / \*04.03.24 / 25.03.24

## MONDAY

Spaghetti bolognese made with British beef

Quorn dippers served with pasta in a homemade sauce

served with freshly baked crusty bread

Cook's choice of cookie

## TUESDAY

Organic British beef burger in a bun

Vegan burger in a bun

served with potato wedges & coleslaw

Carrot cake muffin

## WEDNESDAY

British roast chicken with stuffing & gravy

Warming veggie cottage pie

served with creamy mashed potatoes & vegetables

Jelly & fruit

## THURSDAY

Macaroni cheese

Veggie balls in a homemade tomato sauce with pasta

served with freshly baked garlic bread

Chocolate crunch with a side portion of fruit

## FRIDAY

Breaded fish fingers

Veggie Sausage

served with chips & garden peas

Bakewell 'No Nut' tart & custard

All desserts are suitable for vegetarians

All schools have the option of either a pasta pot, filled jacket potato or sandwich, please speak to your school for their selection

Yoghurt & fresh fruit available daily

### ALLERGY ICONS



Seafood with this mark comes from an MSC certified sustainable fishery. [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

\* Theme Day weeks

**DERBYSHIRE**  
County Council

# School Rules

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Be ready



Be respectful



Be safe

# Winter Uniform

(after October half-term holiday until Easter holidays)

White shirt/blouse with  
a school tie

Nursery children -  
burgundy polo shirt

Mid-grey  
trousers/skirt/pinafore  
dress

School jumper/cardigan

With trousers - dark,  
plain socks

With skirt/dress - grey  
tights or socks

Black shoes

# Uniform Policy

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No jewellery should be worn other than a watch and stud earrings.

There should be no nail varnish or make-up.

Long hair should be tied back in a plain headband or bobble.

All children need to bring a coat to school when the weather is cold for play times.

Please make sure that all clothes are labelled.

# PE Uniform

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Plain or school branded white t shirt

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Plain black shorts or joggers/plain black PE leggings/plain black tracksuit trousers

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Dark coloured trainers or black plimsols

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School jumper/cardigan/hoodie

# Reminders

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Please could I remind you that we are a healthy school



If your child brings a snack for break time it must be a healthy snack please (fruit, cereal bar/rice cakes, etc – not crisps or chocolate)



Water in drinks bottles please



## ***Punctuality reminder***

If your child arrives after the doors to school have closed (children in after the Daily Mile) they will need to be signed-in on the electronic system in the main entrance to school by an adult please.

This is to ensure the ultimate safety of our pupils as class registers will have closed by this point.

# Homework

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Parents who take a supportive role in their children's learning, make a difference in improving achievement and behaviour.

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Please support and encourage your child to complete the weekly tasks/activities.

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If you have any questions/need guidance or support, please just ask.

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Homework will be given out on Friday and must be handed in by the following Tuesday please.



# Weekly homework

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Reading - to form part of your child's weekly homework, we would like them to read to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading-record dated and signed. If your child completes this every week, they will earn a raffle ticket for an exciting draw at the end of the half-term (the first prize is cinema tickets!)

Spellings - your child will be given a set of weekly spellings to practice

Maths - your child will be given a weekly Maths activity to consolidate learning

End of term homework - will be project based to celebrate learning in the wider curriculum subjects



# *Social Media*

Keep up-to-date with celebrations of the amazing things that are happening at Saint Joseph's via Facebook & Twitter

# Dates for Diary



Tue. 27 Feb.

School opens for Lent Term 2



Thu. 7 Mar.

World Book Day / Come Read With Me /  
Y6 SATS Information Session



Mon. 25 - Wed. 27 Mar.

Y6 Residential @ Whitehall



Thu. 28 Mar.

Break up for Easter school holidays



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