

St Joseph's Catholic Middle School

Fortnightly Newsletter – Friday 28th May 2021

Statement to Live By:

The Last Supper

Dear Parents,

Summer half term has finally arrived after a really successful half term. At this point, can I express my gratitude to all parents for ensuring pupils are collected and dropped off safely in the mornings and afternoon periods and ensuring that social distancing has been maintained.

As a result of everyone's commitment to government safety measures, including wearing masks, washing hands and regular testing - our schools have remained COVID free of any variants.

Can I urge everyone to remain cautious during the holiday and follow the guidelines now in place. If anyone does feel unwell with COVID symptoms can I ask that you notify school at the earliest opportunity on parentcontact@hexhamstjosephs.uk

The Summer term is both an exciting and sad time for many, with school leavers preparing for the next stage of their educational journey. Both Y4 and Y8 will have transition opportunities in the coming weeks and more information will follow after half term. Our new reception / Y5 parents will also have an opportunity to visit school for a presentation evening at the end of June.

Parent/Teacher Telephone Call

During the week beginning 14th June 2021, you will receive a telephone call from your child's form teacher.

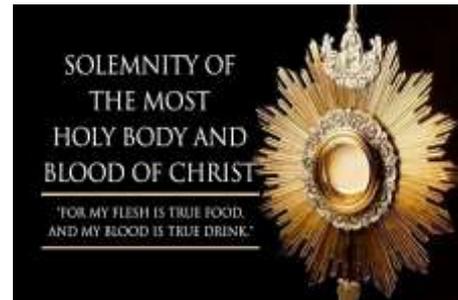
To enable this to run smoothly and to ensure that we have the correct details, you were sent a form on ParentMail asking you to provide the name and telephone number of the best parent contact for the parent/teacher call.

If you have not yet completed this form, can I please ask that you do this as soon as possible so that we can arrange the time for the calls to take place. The form can be found on ParentMail Forms dated Monday 17th May. If you have any problems completing this form, please email parentcontact@hexhamstjosephs.uk

Feast Day:

Corpus Christi for the year 2021 is celebrated/ observed on **Thursday, June 3rd.**

Corpus Christi is a feast that is celebrated on the second Thursday after Whit Sunday. It is a Catholic holiday that celebrates the presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ through Holy Communion (Eucharist).



SUMMER SPORTS CAMP - HEXHAM LOCAL AREA

Our summer sports camp aims to provide children with a safe and familiar setting to be active with their friends.

After the National lockdowns over the past year, the emphasis of the camp will be on enjoyment and children experiencing a wide range of different activities.

 Available for all children between Y2 & Y8 in the Hexham area.

 Discounts available for siblings/families.

 Fun sporting activities.

 Specialist P.E teaching.

 A chance to make new friends in the local area.



If this is something you would like more information about please email admin@hexhamstjosephs.uk to get more information and an application form.

Year of St. Joseph

The Vatican announced that this year (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021) would be a year dedicated to St. Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus Christ. Each month is dedicated to one of St. Joseph's many virtues. Throughout the month of May we have been focussed upon how hardworking St. Joseph was. Some of our Year 7 pupils shared a Liturgy with each form class that focused upon the 'hardworking' virtue of St. Joseph. It was beautiful to be a part of and the pupils deserve a huge round of applause. Thank you to Mrs Hagger for her hard work too.



New Website

We are proud to announce our new website has just launched! It is constantly being updated with new information and resources.

We would love you to take a look.

<https://www.hexhamstjosephs.uk/>



Hoodies

As we are approaching our final half term, our Y8 pupils have been given their leaver's hoodies. A big thank you to Mrs. Stoves and the PTA who organise this.

STEM Week

As part of our STEM week, 8S were completing some STEM sessions with Sally from the Marine Society and Sea Cadets.

They were testing objects in water, to see which will sink and which will float. They discovered buoyancy is related to the density of materials



One of our Teaching Assistants, Miss Bell, led an assembly as part of STEM week.

She used to live on the Fair Isle, located halfway between Orkney and the Shetland Mainland. The Fair Isle is a place rich in wildlife and cultural heritage. She talked about Marine life and the Seabirds found on the islands.

We would like to thank Miss Bell for delivering this very informative assembly.



Name	Teacher	Reason
Marcus 8D	Mrs Coulson	For being the best Macbeth after Sir Ian Mckellan.
Addy 7H	Mrs Hagger	Her brilliant effort in English.
Ella 8C	Mr Secker	Her excellent progress in table tennis.
Seth 5M	Mrs Fawdry	For always trying his best in English and coming up with super imagery in his writing.
Esme 7R	Mrs Gelson	For being an R.E superstar.
Hannah 5G	Mr Simpson	For her great diary entry while studying the poem 'The Highway Man'.
Lucas 5G	Mrs Gelson	For trying his hardest in maths.
Nathan 5G	Mrs Gelson	For trying his hardest in maths.
The whole of 5M	Mr Rosier	For their fantastic singing assessments.
Reed 8D	Mrs Dotchin	For a lovely attitude at all times.

Our Lady and the Month of May

May is a very special month in the Catholic calendar as it marks the month of Mary. This is a time when we should take time to think about Mary and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. Each day the pupils have been saying the Hail Mary to mark this time.



Gospel

Mark 14: 12 - 16 and 22 - 26.

‘On the first day of the Passover, Jesus said to two of His disciples, “Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, ‘The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.” The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as He had told them and prepared the Passover.’

Prayer

Gracious and Holy Father,
give us the wisdom to discover You,
the intelligence to understand You,
the diligence to seek after You,
the patience to wait for You,
eyes to behold You,
a heart to meditate upon You,
and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

On behalf of Fr Chris, Governors and staff, may we wish you a happy weekend.

Mr P Naughton

Fr Chris



