



The Big Book Quiz took place on Wednesday 1st March at Rivington and Blackrod High School. St Joseph's was represented by two girls' teams and one boys' team. The evening was great fun and although St Joseph's did not win everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Well done to all who took part and thank you to parents' who came to support.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 13th February was **92.5%**. Congratulations to **Year 7** and **Mrs Horridge** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulations goes to this weeks' winner, **'Kolbe'** for achieving the highest house attendance. Also, **'well done'** this week goes to **8 Kolbe** for the highest form attendance...**97.7%**! All year groups need to take special note of the attendance summary as research shows low attendance can lead to a drop in GCSE grade. **As we experience colder/wetter/windy weather, can pupils please bring coats to school to avoid getting ill and therefore not attending. Managers of Learning can always send children home if they are too ill to be in school.**

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr.Average
7	92.6	95.5	94.0	95.3	94.6	94.4		94.4
8	87.3	88.1	90.0	97.7	95.6	89.0		91.2
9	94.2	95.4	90.7	88.8	89.6	94.1		92.1
10	89.6	91.5	92.7	92.3	90.4	87.4	93.8	91.1
11	93.0	95.5	94.4	95.2	97.1	95.4	85.0	93.6
Family Average	91.3	93.2	92.3	93.8	93.4	92.0	89.4	

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning in an academic year	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day	57	114	171	228

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' - DfE



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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...

Fast

Up & Coming Events:

Fairtrade Fortnight
Year 11 Mocks

6th March

- PSA meeting, 6:30 pm,
Room 13

8th March

- Year 9 Parents'
Evening - Bernadette,
Devereux, King

9th March

- Year 9 Futures 4 Me
Event, Macron
Stadium, Periods 5 &
6

10th March

- Chill Factore Trip,
3:30-8:00 pm

11th March

- Flame Congress Trip
to Wembley Arena

There was a story about a family whose house was burning down. Mum and Dad just managed to get all the little ones to safety when suddenly one of the boys bolted back into the house and dashed upstairs to look for his pet. Just seconds later flames engulfed the stairs and no one could run after him. Somehow the boy made it to the window and his Father shouted, 'Son, jump! I can catch you. Jump now!'

But the boy shouted back 'Dad I can't see you.' The Father immediately replied 'Son it's ok, it doesn't matter. I can see you'. Trusting his Dad's voice the boy jumped blindly into the smoke and into his Father's arms.

This story is really touching. How many times do we doubt God because we don't see him? Times when we are confused and hurt or feel alone and unable to see God. I think that this is where God would say to us too, 'What matters is that I can see you. You can jump and I won't let you fall. My arms are strong enough to catch you and my grip is enough to guide you.

Jesus went about the cities and villages, teaching the good news of the Kingdom and healing every sickness and disease among the people. When he saw the crowds he was moved with compassion for them, because they were hurting and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9: 35-6)

Jesus is moved with compassion and love when he sees the crowds. Many would have just seen a crowd but Jesus sees people. There are many people but Jesus sees into their hearts - he feels their distress, worry and weariness. He is aware of the burdens many of them carried; and when he sees he is moved with compassion - as the reading tells us he wants to bring them his good news and his healing.

I think we can be sure that Jesus still sees today. We all have hurts that perhaps other people can't see. But you can be sure of this: **That the Son of God sees and he is moved by compassion.**

This Lent is a chance for us to reach out and make that jump, even if we don't see or hear God. It's a chance to rest in his arms, his presence his love and his peace.

Father, we pray that we remember that no matter if our Faith in you is weak; your faith in us remains strong. You are always there to catch us, to love us and to guide us. May we never forget this. Amen.





Joey's Fairtrade Shop



Open at break times

Mon 6th – Fri 10th March

Under the gazebo in the courtyard near science

Chocolate
Sweets
Drinks
'REAL' Easter Eggs
Friendship bracelets
Pens and other gifts
Come and have a look!



Accessibility Working Party

School are looking to form a steering group made up of pupils, parents, governors and staff to review and develop the school Accessibility Plan.

We are planning to hold a meeting in school at 10 am on Friday 17th March 2017.

If any parent feels that they would like to be involved in this group and would be able to attend the meeting please get in touch with either Angela Moore (School Business Manager) or Rachel Hawkrigg (SENCo) to discuss further.

If any parent would like to be involved in the group but cannot attend the meeting please still contact school.



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 1st March pupils and staff attended an Ash Wednesday Service in school. Music and dance were the platform for the season of Lent, one of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Football Results

The latest football results for the girls' Year 7 & 8 team are as follows:

Wednesday 15th February
St Joseph's 1 - Thornleigh 6
Player of the match - **Georgia Rushton.**

Thursday 16th February
St Joseph's 7 - Ladybridge 2
Players of the match were **Erin Darwen** (pictured) and **Annabel Edge.**

Wednesday 1st March
St Joseph's 8 - St Catherine's 1
The whole team were praised for their effort in difficult conditions.



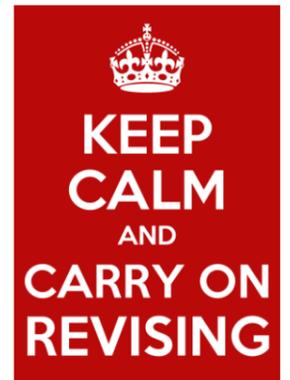
Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 6th March
English Paper Two - 1 hour 45 minutes

Tuesday 7th March
Maths Paper Two Calculator - 1 hour 30 minutes

Wednesday 8th March
GCSE PE Written Exam - 1 hour 30 minutes

Friday 10th March
RE Unit 8 - 1 hour 30 minutes
Maths Paper Three - 1 hour 30 minutes



A Heartbeat Event
YOUTH MASS

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" Jesus



thirsty?

Saturday 18th March 6:00pm

All welcome Sacred Heart Church Westhoughton