



St Joseph's Journal

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We remember at this time, the Magi present their gifts to baby Jesus all those years ago in a stable where he had very little. The children have once again asked if school and the parish can join together in collecting gifts 'For A Baby'. We will then take them to the Cathedral for the mother and baby refuge or invite the Caritas team in to collect them. This was very well supported last year so we would like throughout January, to do the same again and collect new items such as baby clothing, nappies, wipes and other small baby items. Our gifts will be presented and blessed in our Celebration assembly on Friday 24th January. These gifts will be gratefully received by someone who desperately needs them. Mrs Green and the Mini Vinnies thank you in advance for your support.

Happy New Year!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy new year with every blessing for 2020. Pope Francis wished for Peace in the World at the start of the new year and we pray that this year brings peace for each of you and your families.



Multi Skills

Y1 will be going to the Sports Centre next Thursday afternoon. Please make sure that they have their full PE kit in school in addition to a warm, waterproof coat.



Schoolgateway

Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever

GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are. Download from your app store.

Please remember to pay for all activities, including Dinner Money, Breakfast Club and School Trips through the School Gateway app.

If you are struggling to get started, please feel free to pop in to the office where Miss Brierley or Mrs Hopkins will be happy to assist.

We have outstanding monies owed for all of the above, why not get ahead before letters are sent home next week...

Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	92.2%	Elm	96.6%	Oak	91.7%
Cedar	87.8%	Larch	96.4%	Acorns	88.3%

Whole School Attendance this week 93.3%

Whole School Attendance YTD 96.0%

95%	-	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	-	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	-	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	-	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

BE SMART BE THERE!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

10 Benefits of reading with your child

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all practice makes perfect in almost everything that humans do, and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than watching TV. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things in to pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is fun

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you can take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together

Reading together on the sofa, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

10. Children who read achieve better in school

Reading promotes achievements in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the whole curriculum.



Beech Lloyd - Fantastic attitude to his work

Cedar Amelia H - Excellent ideas in class

Elm Ethan J - Focus and dedication

Larch Jayden P - His independent writing

Oak Gracjan M - RE work



Beech Joshua & Ayaan - Always being kind to their friends

Cedar Laila S - Effort in Maths work

Elm Christopher R - A mature attitude in PE

Larch Whole Class - Positive start to the New Year

Oak Codi T - For his effort in Maths

Reminder - Uniform Consultation Evening

Following our conversion to academy and joining Romero Catholic Academy, there has been a strong suggestion that our uniform should be updated to reflect our new identity. This is something we would like to consult you on to obtain your opinions. We are proposing a consultation evening on Tuesday 11th February where a short presentation will be given, your initial reactions can be captured, as well as hopefully being able to share samples and ideas if the change goes ahead. Any changes to uniform, including PE Kits would not be implemented until September 2020.



Hippodrome visit **Sleeping Beauty Panto**

On Thursday evening some of our KS2 children enjoyed a wonderful Pantomime performance at Todmorden Hippodrome Theatre. Big thanks must go to Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Kennedy who accompanied them, the children behaved impeccably and a lovely time was had by all.

