



Newsletter 1

2019/20



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you for the cards and gifts received in July. They are very much appreciated.

Prayer

A prayer that you might like to say together as we embark upon a new school year.

We have had time to rest,
And now we are full of energy.
We have had time to think,
And now we are full of ideas.
We have had time to stop,
And now it's time to get going.
Be with us God we pray.
Amen



New Starters

A huge welcome to our lovely new FS2 children, they have managed so well this week. I am sure they will sleep well this weekend. We will formally introduce each of them in assembly on Monday.

Attendance

I was delighted to be able to give out so many 100% summer term and 100% academic year attendance certificates and awards in our final assembly last year. Good attendance at school is vital for children's learning and all children have a target of 97% or more. Attendance at St Joseph's is very good, thank you for your support with this. Please remember that if a child needs to be absent, parents/carers need to inform school each day. Absences cannot be authorised if this does not happen. You should all have received term dates for this academic year so that holidays can be planned.

Holy Communion

To be in line with other parishes, children from Y4 upwards will be given the opportunity to make their first Holy Communion this year. So if any Catholic children in Y4, Y5 or Y6 would like to attend sessions this year, please see Mrs Lightfoot in school. Don't worry current Y3 children, it will be your turn next year!

Stars of the Week

A huge well done to the following children for being chosen by their class teachers as 'stars' for this week.

FS1 Jack and Tabitha

FS2 Jack and Imogen

Y1 Isaac and Orlaith

Y2 Matilda and Logan

Y3 Harvey and Chloe

Y4 Maisie and Violet

Y5 Oliver and Kaydee

Y6 Jules and Abi

House Points

St Joseph 90

St Cuthbert 103

St Anthony 121

Our Lady, Star of the Sea 142

So the extra playtime goes to those in Our Lady. Well done!

Friday Newsletter.

Please be aware that you can also view the newsletter on the school website

<https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk>

Please also view St Joseph's Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy Facebook page for all upcoming events.

Next Week

After School Clubs

Clubs start on Monday, they run until 4.45pm.

Monday - Cross Country

Tuesday - Gardening

Wednesday - TNT Football

Thursday - Arts/Crafts



Take up for clubs on a Friday was very, very low so we will only offer sessions on Mondays to Thursdays this year. Clubs are £1.50, this will include a drink and a biscuit (in response to parent requests) and need to be booked on Mondays. Children have a booking form for the first couple of weeks in their bags.

Music

Y5 and Y6 will work with Tees Valley Music Service each Tuesday morning starting next week.

PE

Y3 children will work with Ailsa Bell, from our Sports Partnership, each Wednesday this half term. Don't forget PE kits.

Swimming

Y3 children and non-swimmers from Y4 will have their swimming lesson each Wednesday afternoon starting next week. We ask for donations of £1.50 to support transport costs.

Curriculum Newsletters

Teachers will have these ready for you on Thursday.

Term Planner

I will send this home to you next Friday so that you can get dates in your diaries for lots of events planned in school this term.

I am looking forward to another busy, successful year at St Joseph's.

Have a lovely weekend,

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Head Teacher