



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone and here we go into the Summer Term. Longer evenings, warmer weather and an opportunity to prepare for the next stage in our children's learning. I really enjoy this term but know that it happens so quickly and we have some special events taking place.

### **Advanced Notice of some Key Dates:**

First a change in plans. The planned Parent's Evening for May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> will no longer take place. These were planned before we had to delay the Spring Term meetings because of COVID. These consultations will take place in the final half-term a date will be shared with you in due course.

Sports Day is planned for June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. The morning will be the Foundation Stage competitors with Y1-6 trying their best in the afternoon. Should be great fun.

School is closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June as this is a PD day in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday.

Year 5 and Year 6 will be going on their residential trip to Edinburgh from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

The school term finishes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and children return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **Judo Taster Sessions Next Week**

On Tuesday morning next week the children will be taking part in Judo Taster sessions. These sessions are for all children from Year 1-6. Therefore, the children will need to wear their P.E. Uniform on Tuesday.

### **Holiday Absence in Term Time**

As we return to some sense of normality after the pandemic many of our families are starting to book holidays again, which is wonderful.

Please can I remind you that I am not permitted to authorise any holidays in term time unless there is an exceptional circumstance. If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time please fill in the correct form with 20 days' notice. If you take your child out of school during term time for a holiday this absence is recorded as unauthorised and you may be given a Penalty Notice by the Local Authority.

The only exceptional circumstances are as follows:

- A recent serious illness or bereavement of an immediate family member;

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- A member of the Armed services whereby they need to undertake a tour of duty, which conflicts with school holidays;
- Restrictions on police leave or other emergency service where specific duties are undertaken in relation to a national event, which conflict with school holidays.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.

### **Year 5 Secondary School Letter**

Year 5 parents have been sent a separate letter regarding moving on to Secondary School in September 2023. Whilst this might seem a long way off it will be here before we know it. Please can I ask all parents to read the letter, the booklet and then complete the online questionnaire by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Exciting News- A New School Song Update**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April the school was visited by Joe Hammill from the band Cattle & Cane. He worked with various groups of children during the day composing a new school song for us to share. He loved our school and the children and was really impressed with how they entered into the spirit of the activity.

A video was also taken during the day so that when the song is finalised we will be able to share it with you all in a creative way. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking him for his efforts and wish him well this weekend as he gets married on Saturday.

### **Queen's Jubilee Events at School May 2022**

It has not escaped our attention that there is a special celebration happening very soon across the country. Whilst the actual extra Bank Holiday celebrations are during half-term week we will mark the occasion in some way before we break up. Initial ideas we have had is a school picnic lunch on the field on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May with children wearing red, white and blue. Possibly a design a crown competition but all these ideas are in the initial phases of being planned. We will confirm details next week and look forward to celebrating the loyal Service of Queen Elizabeth to our country.

### **Return of Statutory Tests**

All statutory testing will resume this Summer term:

- Year 6 SATs (week beginning 9th May)
- Year 2 teacher assessments (throughout May)
- Year 1 Phonics (week beginning 6th June)
- Year 4 multiplication tests (week beginning 6th June)

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### **Wednesday Word**

Please click on the link below for the latest edition of the Wednesday word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/lent-easter-card?pid=MTA101634&p=3&v=57.15>

### **After School Clubs this Half-Term Reminder**

- Monday MFC Football
- Tuesday Singing/Drama
- Wednesday Netball - KS2 only
- Thursday NPCAT Sport - Cricket.

### **Students of the Week**

This week students have been nominated for their Science work. Well done to the following pupils:

**Nursery/FS1- Rosie & Harriet**  
**Reception/FS2- Reuban & Kaden**  
**Year 1- Martha & Lola-Rey**  
**Year 2- Ruby- Mae & Charlotte**  
**Year 3- Toby & Holly**  
**Year 4- Darcy & Benjamin**  
**Year 5- Ollie & Diwainashe**  
**Year 6- Archie & Jayden S**

### **Final Thoughts for this Week**

As we enter the month of May this weekend, the month in which the earth springs into bloom and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics and making holiday plans. It's also the Month of Mary. So, it's common for Catholics to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May. Therefore, the final thought of this week is the prayer that we say throughout the Rosary, the Hail Mary.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

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