



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant week this has been for the school as we embark on another school year together. The children, as ever, have been a joy to work with and have really brightened the school with their presence.

We have also welcomed three new members of staff to the St Joseph's team. Miss Scarff and Miss Evans have become permanent members of the teaching team and are teaching Reception and Year 2 respectively. Mr Darren Storr has started in his role as caretaker at the school with Mr Kevin Sayer retiring in the summer. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well as they start their new roles within school. Miss Oxley also left in the summer and I am delighted that Mrs Bint will be joining the staff team in a couple of weeks to help in one of our classes.

Two meetings next week. Y6 parents are invited to attend a meeting with the Head teacher from Sacred Heart at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th September in the school hall. Also in the hall will be a meeting on our Reading scheme for Reception and Year 1 children at 9am on Thursday 14th September with Mrs Fleming. Please try and attend if you are able to.

Let us hope that 2023-2024 is a great Academic year filled with life, love and learning as our Mission Statement states. Please take the time to read through the reminders below.

- PE Kits and Timetable
- After School Clubs
- School Uniform & Jewellery
- Attendance
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P.E. Kits & Timetable

Please see below for the timetable for PE this half term. We review our PE timetable half termly so plans may change next half term. As with our recent practise, please can children from FS2 (Reception) –Year 6 come to school dressed in their PE uniform.

- Monday – FS2, Y1 & Y2
- Tuesday- Y2 & Y6
- Wednesday- FS2, Y3 & Y4 (swimming)
- Thursday- Y4,5 & 6
- Friday- Y1, 3 & 5

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After School Clubs

Another back to normal routine restarts next week with the return of After School Clubs. We have the following clubs on offer for the next 6 weeks for children from FS2 to Year 6:

Monday –

Tuesday – Cookery Club with Mr Scarlett (Y1-6 only limited to 12 places)

Wednesday – Multi Sports with MFC

Thursday – Football Club with MFC

Clubs need to be booked via Parent Pay in advance. To ensure that clubs can run smoothly we ask you to sign up for a block of sessions, the cost of each club is £10 for each half-term.

School Uniform & Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school with the exception of a wrist watch. Earrings should not be worn. We encourage ears to be pierced at the start of the Six Week Holidays in order for the 'settling' period to happen during that time. Therefore, earrings can be taken out at the beginning of the School Year. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Attendance

Term dates are available on our school website by clicking on <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/term-dates/>

Please can you support us by ensuring that your child, should they be well enough, is in school each day. It is really important for children to have consistent routines and being in school daily helps with this. Academically, pupils can miss out on key steps in their learning if they are absent for periods of time.

Holiday requests are to be completed on Leave of Absence Request Forms which are located at the front office. We strongly advise that holidays are taken during the holiday period as we cannot authorise leave of absence unless they fall under certain categories. Holidays are therefore unauthorised and could result in a fine issued by the Local Authority if taken in term time. Please contact us should you require any further advice.

Packed Lunches & School Meals

As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so **don't send anything that has nuts in please.**

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Just a polite reminder that the price of school meals for children in Years 3 to 6 is £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week) and £2 per day for Nursery children who stay for lunch. School Lunches are free for all children from Reception to Year 2.

All meals should be paid for in advance on ParentPay.

If you think that your child may qualify for Free School Meals then please use our easy and free to use checker, which can be accessed here: [Free School Meal Checking Service](#)

Volunteers

In previous years, our School has benefitted greatly from a super set of parent and family volunteers who have helped our pupils develop a wide range of skills. We would like to ask if any members of our community would like to volunteer some of their time to support us with areas such as: listening to children read, helping with any art and craft skills, such as model making and sewing. If you would be interested in volunteering to help our pupils be the best that they can be, then please get in touch with the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Children with Medical Needs:

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be updating our records for children with additional medical needs in our school. Please get in touch with the school if your child has additional medical needs that may not be aware of. Every child with additional medical needs requires a Medical care Plan form to be completed. Thank you in anticipation of your help with this matter.

Flu Vaccinations

Your child will be bringing home a flu vaccination letter and consent form today. The consent forms need to be returned to school by Thursday 21st September. If you do not want your child to take part, please ensure you complete the form to withdraw your child.

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Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked in their early Maths work and settling in well into school routines.

- LJ- The whole group
- FS1-All the children have settled so well
- FS2- Finley S and Lucas S
- Y1 Jed P & Lily R
- Y2 Elkie P & Stanley B
- Y3 Jake & Gabriel T
- Y4 Charley B & Roy P
- Y5 Charleigh H & Tommy-Lee N
- Y6 Meadow T & Oscar J

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Our prayer today on this the feast of the birthday of Our Lady is:

Most lovable Mother Mary, our Father in Heaven created you with delight. You are His creature whom He made worthy to become the holy Mother of His Son. You were born into a family of Saints. Pray for me today that my joy in your Son will increase and that my family may become more holy.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for these my intentions...

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Geaves

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