



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first full week of term has now passed. It was a pleasure to be in celebration assembly and witness the wonderful achievements of the children- see list below. Congratulations to all the children who entered and did so well in the Hinderwell Show in the Summer Holidays. Particular well done to the shield winner for the best hand writer in all classes.

Please take the time to read through the reminders below.

- Thank you
- PE Kits and Timetable-reminder
- Boys Football Competition
- Nursery Places
- After School Clubs-reminder
- School Uniform -No longer Summer Uniform
- Term Dates
- Packed Lunches & School Meals-Reminder
- Flu Vaccinations
- Stars of the Week

Thank you

I would just like to thank all the parents and carers who attended the two meetings that we held in school last week. On Wednesday the Head Teacher from Sacred Heart spoke with the Y5 & Y6 parents and pupils about transition to our partner school. **Please remember that the Open Evening is next week on Tuesday 19th September at 5pm.**

Yesterday Mrs Fleming hosted an information meeting about all things Reading and Read, Write Inc. The turnout was brilliant and the positive comments I have received have been a delight to hear. Thank you to Mrs Fleming and a special thank you to the five children who helped demonstrate the work that we do in school.

P.E. Timetable- Reminder

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 & Swimming for Y4 only
- Thursday- Y4,5 & 6
- Friday- Y1, 3 & 5

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Boys Football Competition Friday 22nd September

I am delighted to inform you that we will have a boys football team taking part in a competition next Friday at Trinity College in Middlesbrough. This will be a chance to see how they do as a team and whether we can restart more regular fixtures again with other schools, something I am keen to pursue. **Unfortunately, no parents or cares are permitted at this event due to safeguarding procedures during a school day.**

Nursery Places

We have had some parents getting in touch with the school regarding Nursery places and whether children can be allocated extra provision through wraparound care or lunchtimes. The school is in the fortunate position of being quite full at this end of the school which is great news for the school going forward. It does mean we are having to manage requests for 'extra' provision carefully and it can no longer be assumed that we can care for your child. Please can I make you aware of the following:

If your child attends morning Nursery and you want them to stay for a full day, we can no longer accept this request on the day. We are unable to staff this properly without any prior knowledge. We will try and facilitate all requests made before Friday for the following week but there is no guarantee. Priority will be given to all children who already access this care.

If your child attends afternoon Nursery (Turning 3 this Academic Year) and you would like them to start staying all day, unless we have contacted you there is no space for this provision this year. We are limited to 26 children in a session and we have already reached this limit. I am aware of some families who have requested extra provision for their new starters and I will contact them all individually. If the situation changes, we will review this and are offering on an oldest age basis. Please do not get confused and think your child does not have an afternoon space, they do and we will be in touch to let you know start dates for these children as they leave Little Joeys.

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.

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School Uniform & Jewellery

Now that the weather has remembered that it is Autumn, please can I politely request that all children return to their normal school uniform. Please remember to label all uniform and earrings are not permitted in school. As a school, we look fantastic when in our correct uniform, something to be proud of.

Term Dates Reminder

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

Packed Lunches & School Meals-Reminder

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.**

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 you 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](#)

Flu Vaccinations

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.

Dates for your calendar:

Next week we will issue the parents calendar by email and post on the school website. It will include dates for the Christmas productions and even Sports Days. A couple to pop in the diary straight away are:

- Friday 6th October Harvest Festival Food Donations on Cafod's Family Fast Day (info to follow)
- Monday 23rd October and Tuesday 24th October Parents Evenings.

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Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked in their early Reading work.

- LJ- Aliza F
- FS1-Phoebe S & Natalie P
- FS2- Parker M
- Y1 Etienne L & Georgina T
- Y2 Jinny P & Kaden W
- Y3 Jack M & Matilda J
- Y4 Charlotte G & Abigail W
- Y5 Lucy M & Henry L
- Y6 Ava C & Sunley J

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

I am sure you have seen the world news of countries devastated by natural disasters, whether it is flooding, fires or earthquakes. Our final prayer intention is for all those who need help.

A prayer for help

Almighty God, in our distress and grief
help us to remember that you love us.
We do not understand why this great disaster
has happened but help us to trust you.

Loving Lord,
for those who have died, give them eternal rest
for those who are bereaved, comfort and console them
for those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers
and sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father be with us now and always.

Amen.
Diana Ng-Sutherland, CAFOD

Yours sincerely,
Mr Geaves
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