



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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 Miss Taylor as a member of our teaching team and she has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know her class and the school.

Please take note of two parents' meetings in the next fortnight. Y5 and Y6 parents are invited to attend a meeting with the Head teacher from Sacred Heart at 9.00am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. This is ahead of the Open Evening at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 5pm-7pm. Also, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9am there is a meeting in the hall for all Reception parents with information about our phonics reading programme.

Let us hope that 2024-2025 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 Uniform and Timetable
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- SEN Parent/Carer Drop in session
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### **P.E. Uniform & Timetable**

PE Uniform (From the school website <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/school-uniform/>)

- Bottle green shorts
- Yellow T-shirt
- Black plimsolls (indoor)
- When colder, plain black, grey or navy jogging bottoms and top should be worn for outdoor sessions along with yellow T-shirts and trainers. Branded sportswear is not part of school uniform.

Looking forward to seeing Y1 and Y5 in their correct uniform on Monday.

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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. The PE Days for this term are as follows:

- FS2 - Tues, Thurs
- Y1 - Mon, Tues
- Y2 - Tues, Wed
- Y3 - Wed, Fri
- Y4 - Thurs, Fri
- Y5 - Mon, Thurs
- Y6 - Wed, Fri - Wed is swimming from wk2

### **After School Clubs**

We are reviewing the practise of after school clubs within the school at the moment. Last Academic year many of our clubs ran with less than 5 children so we stopped them for a period of time. I am going to send out a form for parents to fill in regarding the after school club arrangements so watch out for that next week.

### **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.

### **SEN Parent/Carer Drop in meeting- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9-11**

We have arranged another informal drop in session for any parents of children with Special Educational Needs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Miss Wright will be available during this morning as well as Clare Allen-Mulroy from the Local Authority.

### **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.

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Holiday requests are to be completed on Leave of Absence Request Forms 2024-25 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 exceptional circumstance categories. Holidays are therefore unauthorised and could result in a fine issued by the Local Authority if taken in term time. The procedure for this has been updated over the Summer Holiday with a new National Framework being followed. The government has also increased the penalty notice to £80 from £60. More information will be sent out regarding this next week and information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>

### **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.**

Just a polite reminder that the price of school meals for children in Years 3 to 6 is £2.70 per day (£13.50 per week) and £2.70 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](#)

### **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**

These are taking place in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### **School Photographs**

We have changed our photograph provider in line with all our Trust schools. Our photograph day will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and our new company is called phototronics.

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### **Stars of the Week:**

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked hard at staying positive in this first week of term and settling in well into school routines.

- LJ- Alfie
- FS1- Elliot R & Raegan B
- FS2- Finley A & Rosabella R-W
- Y1- Layla W & Freddie W
- Y2- Elsie E & Harley B
- Y3- Alexander M & Pippa G
- Y4- Lola-Rey O & Henry E
- Y5- Darcey J & George B
- Y6- Oliver B & Matthew A

### **School Trip to Panto-**

We have provisionally booked Snow White at the Little Theatre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December for the whole school. If you would like your child to attend, please confirm on the letter sent home today and make a payment of £22 on Parent Pay by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to Miss Ayton for sorting this out.

### **Final Thoughts/Prayers:**

May today there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you  
May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.  
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.  
It is there for each and every one of us.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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