



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first full teaching week of this school year has passed through successfully. The children are now established in their school routines and evidence of learning in the new year groups is happening each and every day. Please take note of the notices below and have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Please take note of two parents' meetings in the next week 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.

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**Next Week Headlines:**

- Monday Sacred Heart Meeting for Y5 and Y6 Parents 9am, Y6 School Council Interviews pm
- Tuesday Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents 9am, Sacred Heart Open Evening 5pm
- Wednesday Premier League Kicks Assembly for Children 10am
- Friday Y6 World War 2 Evacuee Day

**School Drop Off-Pod Doors**

Once again I regrettably have to thank you for your patience and understanding with the cancellation of one of the buses during this week. We always try to keep disruption to a minimum but sometimes it is unavoidable. Can I also take this opportunity to remind all our parents that when they drop off the children they should not be coming into the pod doors. The children can hang their own coats up and sort themselves out independently each morning so please help us with this.

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### **P.E. Uniform reminder**

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

- Bottle green shorts
- Yellow T-shirt
- Black plimsolls or trainers (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.

As you can see, I have added trainers to the indoor PE Uniform as we know that children do not tend to wear plimsolls anymore. Thank you for your support and understanding with the PE uniform we do really appreciate this.

### **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.

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

### **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- Reminder**

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 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

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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 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 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](#)

### **Children with Medical Needs- A reminder**

Can all medical forms be returned by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September; we are still waiting on a few. 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. We will make sure that on this day all children will be wearing their full school uniform and change for PE sessions that day.

### **Year 6 World War II Day**

As part of the Y6 topic, we are planning a World War II Day in Year 6. The day will consist of a range of activities which will give the children a taste of life during the Second World War. This will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

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To add authenticity, we would like the children to attend school in an evacuee costume on that day. There is no need for you to buy a costume; lots of simple ideas can be found online.

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

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked hard at **speaking** within the classroom setting

- LJ- George H
- FS1- Hudson W & William D
- FS2- Lilly G & Mason B
- Y1- Sebastian M-T & Connie M
- Y2- Amelia R & Hannah V
- Y3- Alex M & Dottie W
- Y4- Genevieve S & Matilda J
- Y5- Abigail W & James L
- Y6- Lucy M & Indie B

### **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:**

Heavenly Father, I commit the month of September into Your hands. Guide my steps, O Lord, and lead me in Your perfect will. Bless the work of my hands, and open doors of opportunity and favour. Protect me from every harm, and surround me with Your peace.

Yours sincerely,

*S Geaves*

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Executive Head Teacher

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