

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



25th April 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. Here are all of the important diary dates we have booked in at the moment together with some general news and information about the school.

Diary Dates

Thursday 28th April: Merit Assembly at 2.30pm

Thursday 28th April: Break up for May Day weekend (*School is closed on Friday: Training Day*)

Tuesday 3rd May: School Opens (*Monday is a Bank Holiday*)

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May: Year 6 SATs Tests

Wednesday 18th May: 2.15pm Workshop for parents about Child Sexual Exploitation – what primary School Parents need to know about this dangerous problem that IS sadly present in Dudley

Friday 20th May: Year 5 Class assembly 2.30pm

Sunday 22nd May: Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass in Church 11am

Monday 23rd May – Friday 27th May: Vocations Week in School

Tuesday 24th May: First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 9.15am followed by tea party

Thursday 26th May: First Holy Communion Retreat Day for Year 3: Parents welcome from 2.45pm

Friday 27th May: Break up for Half Term Holidays

Monday 6th June: School Reopens

Friday 10th June: Year 4 Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 17th June: If you can, please donate sweets and chocolates for the tombola at the summer get together

Friday 17th June: Year 2 assembly 2.30pm

Monday 20th June: Anti Bullying and Anti-Racism Week in school

Wednesday 22nd June: Equiteach anti-racism football workshop for Key Stage 2 children all day

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Thursday 23rd June: Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day: Parents welcome from 2.45pm

Friday 24th June: If you can, please donate bottles of pop, wine, beers and spirits for the bottle stall at the summer get together

Friday 24th June: Year 1 Assembly 2.30pm

Sunday 26th June: School – Parish Mass in Church at 11am. All welcome.

Friday 1st July: If you can, please donate cuddly toys for the stall at the summer get together

Friday 1st July: Year 3 Class Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 4th – Friday 8th July: Brilliant in Britain: Celebrating the Queen at 90 and celebrating our local area.

Thursday 7th July: Year 6 Confirmation Mass in Church 6.30pm

Friday 8th July: If you can, please donate long life milk, sugar, tea, coffee and biscuits for the summer get together

Friday 8th July: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Brilliant in Britain Performances at 9.15am

Friday 8th July: Years 3,4,5 and 6 Brilliant in Britain Performances at 2.30pm

Friday 8th July: 3.30pm Summer Get Together after school with some stalls, bouncy castle, café and raffle

Tuesday 12th July: EYFS Sports Days: These will take place indoors if the weather is too wet!

- Morning Nursery from 10.15-11.15am
- Reception from 11.15-12.15pm
- Afternoon Nursery from 2 – 3pm

Wednesday 13th July: Years 1 to 3 Sports Days: These will take place indoors if the weather is too wet!

- Year 1 9.15-10.15am
- Year 2 10.15-11.15am
- Year 3 11.15-12.15pm

Wednesday 13th July: Optional Parent's Evening for those who would like to discuss their child's report 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 14th July: Years 4 to 6 Sports Days: These will take place indoors if the weather is too wet!

- Year 4: 9.15-10.15am
- Year 5: 10.15-11.15am
- Year 6 11.15-12.15pm

Thursday 14th July: 2.45pm Sports Day Scores and winning team presentation

Monday 18th July: Own clothes day for all children. Discos as follows:

- AM and PM Nursery and Reception: 1.15-1.45
- Years 1 and 2: 1.45-2.30pm
- Years 3,4 and 5: 2.30-3.15pm
- Year 6 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 19th July: Year 6 Leaver's Mass at 9.15am

Tuesday 19th July: Year 6 Graduation at 2pm

Wednesday 20th July: Merit and attendance awards assembly at 11am All Welcome

Wednesday 20th July: Celebration of the School Year Assembly at 2.15pm All Welcome

Wednesday 20th July: School closes for Summer Holidays

Monday 5th September: School reopens to pupils at 8.45am for Autumn Term

Newsletter

C.S.E. (Child Sexual Exploitation) Workshop for Primary Parents: Wednesday 18th May at 2.15pm

Dudley CSE Prevention Team will be providing this workshop specially designed for the parents of pupils at St Joseph's. CSE is sadly a big problem in Dudley. Awareness of CSE in the community, in schools and amongst parents is very low indeed. We encourage you to come along to this informal session where the team will explain what CSE is and how we can all work together to keep our children safe not just now but when they are a bit older as well. Please fill in the slip to let us know if you are able to attend.

Taking holidays in term time

Unfortunately several parents have received penalty notices this term and we have also had to delete children from our registers (parents have lost their child's place in school) due to unauthorised absence. Please do not take holidays in term time as to do so not only risks a fine but for ongoing unauthorised absence your child's name can be deleted from our register. Unfortunately both of these things have happened in the past weeks at St Joseph's. The legislation is being rigorously and consistently applied – please do not risk a fine or losing your child's place in our school.

Year 6 Leaver's Trip

In recent years we have gone to London for our Year 6 Leaver's Trip. Currently, with the MI5 Terror Status at 'Severe' meaning 'a terrorist attack is highly likely' we feel that there is a greater risk associated with a trip to a major European capital than ever before. As such the Year 6 Leaver's Trip is now going to be to Weston Super Mare for a beach party with deckchairs, buckets and spades, Seaquarium visit with guided tour and Pier visit with free time. Given that the terrorist threat is sadly unlikely to change in coming years it is unfortunately highly unlikely that subsequent year 6 classes will visit London in the foreseeable future. If the Weston trip is a success (which we really hope it will be!) it is likely that the 'beach party' will become the leaver's trip for Year 6 for subsequent years.

Summer Get-Together

After the Brilliant in Britain performances on Friday 8th July we will be holding our Summer Get-Together with a bouncy castle, some stalls, our café and a raffle. If you can, please support us with donations of bottles, chocolates, cuddly toys and tea and coffee. Thanks for your support.

Parentview

Parentview archives your views of the school after 12 months. Unfortunately this means we only have 7 'live' views of our school on the system. For most parents, it's now more than 12 months since you last submitted a review. Please can we encourage you to go on to Parentview and share your views of the school with Ofsted? All we ask is that if you have any problems with the school you let us know first so we can try to put things right. You will need an email address to register and the whole process will take no more than 10 or 15 minutes. We know it is a chore – but it's very important that we have Parentview up to date with your opinions of the school. We would be very grateful if as many parents as possible could spare the time to share your views.

You are welcome in school

Parents are always welcome at our weekly Mass on Tuesdays at 9.15am and our weekly merit assembly on Friday at 2.30pm. We don't often need to cancel and if we do we always send a text to parents.

Keep in touch

At St Joseph's we are absolutely committed to making sure your children are safe and happy. We try our best to prevent any problems from arising but inevitably things can and do go wrong from time to time. If something goes wrong, if there is a problem or if you or your child is unhappy for any reason it is vital you let us know straight away. No problem is too small and the quicker we know about things the quicker we can sort them out.

You can usually see the class teacher at the end of the day. You can call to see myself or Mrs Chapman (Deputy Head) and we will try to see you straight away. You can also call the school and we will phone you back if we can't speak to you straight away. Mr Seex and Mrs Hancox, our senior teachers, are also available to help you.

Never leave any issue – however small – we promise we will do everything we can to resolve problems sympathetically and quickly.

Your child's happiness and safety are very important to us – so please – just let us know.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Hinton,

Principal