

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents,

June Newsletter Update

The second half of the summer term is now well underway. This newsletter includes all of the dates for the important school events this half term such as sports days and summer get togethers. There is also some useful information for parents and details of our parent's survey that we really hope you will be able to find the time to fill in.

Diocesan values this half term

Our values this half term are **FAITH FILLED and HOPEFUL**. Faith filled means having faith and believing – this value is relevant to people of all faiths. Hopeful means having the trust and belief that our prayers are heard and listened to. We are hopeful, that by being people who are full of faith, we can make the world a better place through our prayers, our actions and our faith practices.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th June: All of the clubs finish this week – last club day this week

Friday 16th June: Year 2 Assembly, 2.30pm

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd June is Anti Bullying, Anti-Racism and Internet Safety Week all week

Friday 23rd June: Please donate good quality **CUDDLY TOYS** for the stall at the Summer Get Together, if you can.

Friday 23rd June: 9.15am Special Assembly to celebrate our work in anti-bullying, anti-racism and internet safety week, all welcome

Friday 23rd June: Year 6 Assembly, 2.30pm

Thursday 29th June: St Peter and St Paul Day: All of the children will learn about these important Saints of the Church

Friday 30th June: Please donate **BAGS OR BARS CHOCOLATE** or **BAGS OF SWEETS** for the stall at the Summer Get Together, if you can.

Friday 30th June: Reception Class Assembly 2.30pm



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Wednesday 5th July: Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 6pm – Booking forms will be sent out later

Friday 7th July: Please donate BOTTLES OF WINE, POP, BEERS, CIDERS or SPIRITS for the stall at the Summer Get Together, if you can.

Friday 7th July: Year 5 Assembly, 2.30pm

Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July is BRILLIANT IN BRITAIN WEEK learning all about BRITISH VALUES and MULTICULTURAL BRITAIN

Tuesday 11th July: There will be NO MASS today because it is Year 6 Confirmation Mass in the evening.

Tuesday 11th July: Nursery and Reception Sports Day: entrance is through the left side gate at the front of the school five minutes before start time of each sports day.



Morning Nursery Sports Day: 10am – 11am

Reception Sports Day: 11am-12pm

Afternoon Nursery Sports Day: 2pm-3pm

If it is raining there will still be races for each class in the hall at the times stated.

Wednesday 12th July: Year 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day: entrance is through the right side gate at the front of the school five minutes before the start time of each sports day

Year 1 Sports Day: 9.15am-10.15am

Year 2 Sports Day: 10.15am – 11.15am

Year 3 Sports Day: 11.15am – 12.15pm

If it is raining there will still be races for each class in the hall at the times stated.

Friday 14th July: Please donate TEA, COFFEE, LONG LIFE MILK, SUGAR and BISCUITS for the Cafe at the Summer Get Together, if you can.

Friday 14th July: Brilliant in Britain Week Performances: THE GREAT GET TOGETHER INSPIRED BY JO COX MP (details below)

9.15am: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Performances at 9.15am (hall opens at 9.10am)

2.20pm: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Performances at 2.20pm (hall opens at 2.15pm)

3.30pm: Our annual **Summer Get Together this year is inspired by the life of Jo Cox MP to be a 'GREAT GET TOGETHER' in her memory** after school. Café, Bottle Stall, Chocolate Tombola, Cuddly Toy Stall, Raffle and Bouncy Castle. A chance to get together after school before the summer holidays. Pocket money prices and all proceeds to school fund.



Monday 17th July Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day: entrance is through the right side gate at the front of the school five minutes before the start time of each sports day

Year 4 Sports Day: 9.15am – 10.15am

Year 5 Sports Day: 10.15am – 11.15am

Year 6 Sports Day 11.15am – 12.15pm

If it is raining there will still be races for each class in the hall at the times stated.

Tuesday 18th July: 9.15am Year 6 Leaver's Mass / End of term Mass followed by tea party to celebrate Confirmation.

Wednesday 19th July: Own Clothes day for the Discos – Please donate £1 towards the Disco



All Discos take place during the afternoon. Morning Nursery are welcome to come back for the Nursery and Reception Disco from 1.15pm – 1.45pm. Year 6 will be having a separate Leaver's Disco after school.

All children except Year 6 should be picked up at the normal time of 3.15pm on Disco Day. Thank you!

Thursday 20th July: Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at 2pm

Friday 21st July: Merit and Attendance Awards Assembly at 11am

Friday 21st July: Assembly for the end of the school year at 2pm

Friday 21st July: End of Term. School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15pm.

Monday 4th September: School reopens to children at 8.45am.

First things first – a HUGE thank you!

Last half term I asked you for some help and support with matters such as outside hair ribbons, keeping the lobby area clear for everyone's privacy, making your voluntary contributions for trips and visits and supervising children in the mornings. I could not have asked for a better response – thank you so much for your support and understanding and for cooperating and helping me to ensure the school runs smoothly. I am very grateful for your support and I want you to know it was noticeable and is very much appreciated. Thank you so much once again.



The Great Get Together inspired by Jo Cox MP

Last year (12 months ago this week in fact) Jo Cox MP, a politician who actively promoted tolerance, respect and understanding between religions and nationalities was sadly killed. Her family have organised a weekend of



community events nationwide this weekend called THE GREAT GET TOGETHER. Look out for special events online and in the media. The idea of the events is simple – people coming together with the clear message: WE HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN THAT WHICH DIVIDES US. As a school we want to be part of this movement so our

Brilliant in Britain Week performances in July will focus on how we are UNITED in our DIVERSITY and our Summer Get Together will be a GREAT GET TOGETHER inspired by Jo Cox. We've even booked a DJ to make our get together go with a swing! The children will learn all about Jo Cox in the coming weeks.

Parents Questionnaire / Survey

Please help us to keep improving the school. We need to know what we are doing well and where you think we could improve things. Please complete the attached parent's survey and return it to school by next Monday 19th June. We will analyse the feedback and write to you with full details of the actions we are taking in response to your comments.



Dropping Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children off at school / picking them up – must be an ADULT bringing them to the entrances / picking up

Please remember we require an ADULT to bring our youngest children to the entrance door and hand them over into the care of the member of staff on the door. We do not allow children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 to be brought to school by other children such as their brothers or sisters.

We do not provide care for the children prior to 8.45am – parents are responsible until the children come into school

Please remember our staff are not on duty until 8.45am in the morning. If children arrive at school before this time then parents are responsible for their safety and care. You are responsible for your children until they enter the school building in the morning. If you make the decision to allow your Key Stage 2 child to wait at school in the morning unaccompanied please make sure they understand they must wait very close to the school building in the shelter and must not venture out of the school grounds. As soon as the doors open at 8.45am they must come straight into the school. Please remember you are responsible for their care and safety until they have come in to the school building, regardless of whether you are present or not. Thank you.

Sun cream / sun hats / drinks

Even on partly cloudy days the sun is still very strong. Please put some sun cream on your child's face, neck and arms – in fact any area of skin that is exposed to the sun. We do keep a stock of cream in each classroom as well for any top ups. Please also make sure your child has a sun hat and brings their drink bottle to school each day. We are happy to allow the children to bring water or no added sugar squash each day. Their drink bottle should be taken home for washing and refilling each night. New bottles are available from the school office.



F.A.B – Fight against bullying during our anti-bullying, anti-racism and internet safety week



All of the children will be learning about how to stay safe and free from bullying and racism next week. We have also arranged some special activities during the week as well. Look out for the badges we'll be giving to each child to celebrate our F.A.B week in school!

Show Racism the Red Card (Footballers tackling racism)

During our anti-bullying, anti-racism and internet safety week we will be providing a special workshop for our Year 5 pupils run by Show Racism the Red Card. The workshop will teach the children anti-racism messages and will conclude with a fitness session. The workshops will be delivered by Steve Jenkins ex Wales's international footballer!

Zap assertiveness training

Mrs Cheema will be providing assertiveness training for all of our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to secondary school and a number of children from other classes as well.

Summer Get Together Donations



We'll be having our annual summer get together after school on Friday 14th July and we would be very grateful for your donations. As always, please donate if you can – there is no expectation for you to donate if you are unable to for any reason. Anything you can send is always much appreciated.

Nuts in school

Please do not send nuts to school for snacks or lunch – they are a choking risk and we also have a number of nut allergy sufferers in school for whom contact with nuts is dangerous.

Playtime Snacks

Please send your child with a healthy snack for playtime. Fruit, cereal bars, low fat crisps or biscuits and low sugar snacks are all acceptable. Giant bags of crisps or popcorn, big packets of biscuits and large chocolate bars are not suitable. We do not want to ban any snacks but we do have to ask you to send something that is healthy and not excessive in terms of calories, sugar or fat content.

Uniform

A reminder that 'playsuit' all in one uniform dresses / suits are not part of the school's summer uniform. Our full uniform is published on the website. However, there is provision in our uniform policy for girls to wear knee length grey shorts in summer. If a playsuit conforms to our dress/colour policy e.g grey, or blue and white gingham check AND trousers come to the knee this is fine. Our problem so far has been playsuits where the trousers are too short- e.g should be knee length.



Mrs Hancox

Mrs Hancox is on maternity leave. Congratulations to both Mr and Mrs Hancox on the birth of their baby daughter who is now four and a half weeks old!

Senior Team at the School

Miss Blanchette is covering Mrs Hancox as the Head of Early Years from now until the end of term in July. Please see Miss Blanchette for any concerns or issues relating to Nursery or Reception, or come and see me or Mrs Chapman (Deputy Head).

Mrs Cheema is our senior teacher. Mrs Cheema is available to help you with any concerns or issues alongside myself and Mrs Chapman. You can ask for Mrs Cheema at the office or see her before / after school.



There is always a senior member of staff at school during our opening hours so there is always someone in authority here to help you 8.45am – 3.45pm. Never hesitate to get in touch if you need help with anything – no matter how small – we want to make sure the children are safe and happy and we will do everything we can to

help you. We know that things can and do go wrong – and we treat sorting things out quickly very seriously – so please, always let us know.

Parentview



Thank you to everyone who has submitted their review on Parentview. We desperately need some more reviews! **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.** Just go to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk – Thanks for your support.

Parent View
Your child's school

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding leader in school is Mr Hinton and Mrs Chapman is the deputy. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website.

We very much look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Yours Sincerely,



M Hinton,

Principal