

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



## June 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching July and the final weeks of the school year. This newsletter gives you a reminder of the dates and times of the many events happening in school over the next few weeks and keeps you up to date with the latest information from St Joseph's. Have a good look at the diary dates below as there are lots of things happening in the next few weeks!

### Diary Dates

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Please send in donations of bottles, sweets, chocolates and cuddly toys (clean and in good condition) for the stalls at the summer get together.



**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Feast of St Peter and St Paul.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6M (Mrs MacDonald's class) assembly at 2.30pm – all welcome



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** is our **Brilliant in Multicultural Britain Week** where all of the children will learn about **BRITISH VALUES** in **MULTICULTURAL BRITAIN** and about the important **RELIGIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM** including **CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM, HINDUISM, SIKHISM AND JUDAISM.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Key Stage 1 Mass at 9.15am – all welcome

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Please donate tea, coffee, long life milk, sugar, small cakes and biscuits for the café stall at the get together.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 9.20am:** Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will perform their dances in celebration of our Brilliant in Britain Multicultural Week. Hall will be open from 9.10am.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 2.20pm:** Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will perform their dances in celebration of our Brilliant in Britain Multicultural Week. Hall will be open from 2.10pm. (We will need to ask everyone to vacate the hall afterwards in order to set up for the Summer Get Together after school)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 3.30pm:** Summer Get Together after school with raffle, live DJ, Bouncy Castle, Café, Chocolate Tombola, Cuddly Toy Stall and Bottle Stall. Our annual summer event where everyone gets together to chat and spend a bit of time together – now with added summer tunes from our DJ!



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Years 4,5 and 6 Sports Day: Year 4 at 9.15am, Year 5 at 10.15am and Year 6 at 11.15am. If the weather is wet or exceptionally hot some races will go ahead in the hall (the event will need to be a bit shorter than if it was outdoors as not all races can be completed inside!) All welcome, please wait at the shelter and staff will come and escort you to the sports area at the start of your child's session.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 Mass at 9.15am** followed by **Reconciliation for Year 6 pupils** (prior to their Confirmation on Wednesday)



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Years 1,2 and 3 Sports Day: Year 1 at 9.15am, Year 2 at 10.15am and Year 3 at 11.15am.** If the weather is wet or exceptionally hot some races will go ahead in the hall (the event will need to be a bit shorter than if it was outdoors as not all races can be completed inside!) All welcome, please wait at the shelter and staff will come and escort you to the sports area at the start of your child's session.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Confirmation at 6.30pm in Church with Bishop David McGough.** Mrs Chapman and Miss Wisniewski will be organising a choir and band made up from other year groups – please support the Mass if you can (all children attending will need an adult in the congregation)



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery and Reception Sports Day: Morning Nursery from 10 am to 11 am, Reception from 11am to 12 noon and Afternoon Nursery from 2pm to 3pm.** If the weather is wet or exceptionally hot some races will go ahead in the hall (the event will need to be a bit shorter than if it was outdoors as not all races can be completed inside!) All welcome, please wait at the nursery gate and staff will come and escort you to the Early Years playground at the start of your child's session.



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July: We will be sending home your child's end of year report this afternoon.** This is for Years Reception to Year 6. (Reports are issued for those Nursery children who are leaving the Nursery to start in Reception Class next year)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Deadline for children to apply for the Mission Awards for Summer Term second half.**



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 6pm.** A letter and booking form will be sent out nearer the time.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Leaver's Mass at 9.15am and Year 6 Confirmation Celebration followed by tea party.**



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July is OWN CLOTHES DAY** for our end of term DISCOS. PLEASE DONATE £1 towards the cost of the Disco. All children (except Year 6) are picked up at normal time.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery Disco at 1.15pm until 1.45pm** (morning Nursery are welcome to come back!)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Discos for all children Reception to Year 5 during the afternoon**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leaver's Disco from 3.15pm to 4.15pm** – children to be collected / go home at 4.15pm.



**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at 2pm** – not to be missed!

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Merit / Attendance / Mission Awards at 11am** – all welcome



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Assembly for the end of the school year – 2pm – all welcome

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: School reopens for Autumn Term at 8.45am

### Newsletter Items

#### We will be saying goodbye to a few of our teaching assistants this July



We are very sad that we will be saying goodbye and thank you to some of our teaching assistants at the end of the academic year. Mrs Bunn, Mrs Hill, Mrs Lester and Mrs Skelding are leaving St Joseph's after many years of service. They have looked after and helped many, many children during their time at St Joseph's and we thank each of them for their dedicated service and care. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

#### Staffing details for next year will be sent to you before the end of term

We will write to you with details of your child's class teacher and teaching assistant/s for next year a little closer to the end of term.

#### Thank you very much for supporting the uniform policy

We recently sent out a flyer with some uniform reminders about hair ribbons / bows, leggings, playsuits and so on. Thank you very much indeed for your quick support of our request. We are really grateful for your continued support.



**PLEASE CAN WE REMIND EVERYONE ONCE AGAIN THAT LEGGINGS AND PLAYSUITS OR VERY SHORT 'SHORTS' ARE NOT ALLOWED – PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN LEGGINGS, SHORT 'SHORTS' OR A PLAYSUIT 'ALL IN ONE' OUTFIT – THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

#### Prayer Bags



Thank you very much for your very positive response to the prayer bags initiative. We were overwhelmed by the feedback we received and we are absolutely delighted by the way the bags have enabled entire families to come together and pray. In particular we would like to acknowledge the generous support of our non-Catholic families who accepted our invitation to use the prayer bags in a universal way that encompasses all faiths. We are so pleased the school has been able to help the children to pray at home with their

families and we will definitely be continuing the initiative next academic year.

#### Mission Awards

We were delighted to present the first of the mission award medals at the end of last half term. The mission awards reward children who can demonstrate they have met certain expectations in relation to the school's mission statement. They are suitable for children of all faiths. **The next round of applications are open now and need to be submitted no later than Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.** Mrs Chapman and the children from the mission team will review all of the applications and we will present medals to successful children at the end of term. This is the final



opportunity for the children to apply for the mission award for their current year group – there will be the next award to apply for in their new class next year.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies – closing date Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon, interviews Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July**



We have two vacancies available for lunchtime supervisors at the school. We are looking for caring, trustworthy and professional people who can respect confidentiality rules to help look after the children and facilitate safe and happy play at lunchtimes. Some cleaning duties such as sweeping the lunch area and wiping tables is also part of the role. Both positions are subject to an enhanced Criminal Disclosure and Barring Service check. St Joseph's is committed to safeguarding children and safe practices. One post is for **1 hour per day** (term time only, £8.68 per hour pro rata, £1895.97 actual, subject to confirmation) and the other post is for **2 hours per day** (term time only, £8.68 per hour pro rata, £3791.94 actual, subject to confirmation) Please contact Mr Hinton or Mrs Chapman for details, a copy of the person specification and information on how to apply. Closing date for completed applications is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon. Interviews will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Parentview**

Please can we invite you to complete the survey on **Parentview**. OFSTED uses Parentview to monitor the work of the school and we as a school monitor Parentview and use your answers to help us know what is going well and where we need to improve even more. **We always ask that if there is something you are unhappy with – please let us know first so that we can try to solve the problem.** Reviews on Parentview are archived after 12 months and our number of reviews is going down week by week! **Please spare us a few minutes by sharing your views – very often we can all be quick to share a negative review if we are upset but often we forget to share our positive thoughts – we need to capture everyone's feelings about St Joseph's!** We will text you the link – [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!



**We want you and your children to be happy at St Joseph's – let us know if you have any concerns!**



We are proud that OFSTED judged us to be an 'Outstanding' school but we are not complacent. **An Outstanding school is not a perfect school – no school could ever be perfect! Things can and do go wrong – what is important is the way they get sorted out.** What we do promise you is that we will do our absolute best to be as close to perfect as we can be – and we will always try our best to do EVERYTHING we can to help you and your child. **Mr Hinton** is the Head teacher and **Mrs Chapman** is the Deputy Head teacher. We can normally see you straight away and we are here ready to help you with any concern – no matter how big or small. You can also see one of our senior teachers – **Mrs Cheema** or **Mrs Hancox** who are always ready to help you. You can also see your child's class teacher after school. **If you have any concern that is not resolved by other staff it is essential that you inform Mr Hinton or Mrs Chapman as the most senior leaders in school so that they can try their best to resolve the matter for you.**

## Free School Meals / Pupil Premium – you can easily help the school get more funding to spend on the children



### **Are you entitled?**

If you receive certain benefits you could help the school to obtain precious extra funding called 'Pupil Premium.' As you know, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal every day – however, if you receive benefits it's still important to apply for free school meals – even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 – that is the only way the school will receive pupil premium funding. It's the same case if your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6 and they prefer to bring their own lunch – if you apply for free school meals you need never actually take a free meal – we will still receive pupil premium funding for up to 6 years. This funding is **precious** to us and is spent 100% on the children – helping them to achieve the highest standards possible and make the best progress they can. Applying is quick, easy and confidential – a form is included with this newsletter. We are very grateful for your help.

### We are looking forward to seeing you over the coming weeks

There are lots of events happening in the coming weeks and it's always our great pleasure to see you in school. We very much look forward to seeing you and we hope you'll be able to come and join us for some of our events at the end of term.



### Keep in touch

Once again, never hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any concerns or questions – no matter how small. The genuine aim of everybody at the school is that your child/ren are safe, happy and making good progress in a Catholic environment. There are plenty of us here to help make sure we do our best to achieve that aim – so don't hesitate to get in touch!

With every kind wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hinton'.

Mr M Hinton,

Principal