

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Summer Newsletter 2019

19th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Summer Term (Second Half) Newsletter 2019

Here is the latest newsletter and diary dates update from St Joseph's. The summer term is racing by and before we know it we will be in July. This newsletter keeps you up to date with important information from our school and we are also sending out the 'Diary Dates' for the rest of the term. Please have a good look at the '**Diary Dates**' as there are always lots of events, especially in July – **sports days, dance performances for multicultural week, graduation ceremony, school trips and Confirmation Mass** to name but a few. Check the diary carefully to make sure you are up to date with everything that is happening and make sure you don't miss out on anything special with your child's class. It's always our great pleasure to welcome you into the school.

Our Values this half term from the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile: INTENTIONAL AND PROPHETIC

We are helping the children to be **intentional**: to **think about the way they live their lives guided by Jesus' teaching** – having a specific **intention** to live in the **kind** way Jesus taught us to. We are helping the children to be **prophetic**: being able to **set a Christ-like example to others**, showing the world that **there are alternatives to arguments, conflicts and unkindness**.

News Updates

Children who are persistently late – please read this message carefully

Any one of us can be late on odd occasions and this is perfectly understandable and acceptable. However, we have a small number of children who are regularly – persistently- late and we have a legal duty as a school to tackle this.

We must remind you that it is a parent's legal duty to make sure their child attends school each day and arrives on time.

We have the authority to '**unauthorise**' lateness, meaning that each lateness will count as an absence. If your child builds up 10 sessions of unauthorised absence we can refer the matter to the local authority who can issue a **penalty fine**. If your child has excessive unauthorised absence we are allowed in law to take **them off the school register and you would need to find a new school place**.

We need to bring persistent lateness to your attention and make you aware of the possible consequences. **School opens at 8.45am and the doors are closed at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am they are marked as late and we may invoke the procedures above to tackle persistent lateness.**

Kind hands, kind words...like Jesus



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Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Week – 24th to 28th June



Full details of our RSE curriculum have been sent out earlier in the term and an open afternoon was held on 17th June for parents to see teachers and view materials. If you have any questions or need any further information – please contact your child’s teacher. The lessons take place every day between 24th and 28th June

and all teaching is strictly in accordance with the doctrines of the Catholic Church. **Reproduction is only covered in Year 6 with puberty and bodily changes covered in Year 5. Reproduction is only taught in the context of within a loving relationship between a mother and father who are married to each other. In all other classes the programme focuses on loving and caring relationships between family and friends. You may choose to withdraw your child from these lessons – though they are part of the school curriculum and are strictly in accordance with Catholic Church teachings. **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.****

Sponsor Money from the Pancake Flip - £238.38 raised in total

The children from each class have chosen which charity to send some of the fundraising to as follows:

Nursery: £10 donated to the NSPCC

Reception: £10 donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society (a charity for vulnerable people in the community)

Year 1: £10 donated to Father Hudson’s Society (A Diocesan Adult, Children and Family Charity)

Year 2: £10 donated to CAFOD’s refugee appeal

Year 3: £10 donated to British Heart Foundation

Year 4: £10 donated to RNLI

Year 5: £10 donated to Water Aid

Year 6: £10 donated to Cancer Research

Plus:

£50 donated to CAFOD to support the world’s poor and starving

£50 donated to the Church maintenance fund to maintain our Parish Church

£50 donated to the school fund to help parent-fund the cost of trips and visits for all pupils and to pay for extras (for example party food and drinks) for all pupils.



Uniform



This school is well known for its high standards of uniform and appearance and we have only achieved this because parents are completely supportive of us. We’ve sent out lots of reminders lately and we have called and met with lots of parents – **thank you to everyone because you have all been 100% supportive.** This means a lot.

As a quick reminder, please remember:

- Children must wear **smart, sensible, black school shoes** (or boots in winter) No trainers or jelly shoes.
- **Hair dying** and **extreme fashion haircuts** such as **shavings and engravings are not allowed**. Boys' and Girls' hair must be neat, tidy and sensible. **Long hair must be tied back**. Ribbons and hairbands should be **small** and in **school colours**. Giant bows and bands are not allowed.
- Girls can wear trousers, a skirt or a summer uniform dress. **Leggings are not allowed** even under dresses. Thick tights may be worn – these must be **plain blue, white, grey or black with no patterns, designs or writing**.
- **Earrings and jewellery are not allowed**. Temporary tattoos are not allowed. Nail varnish is not allowed.
- Full uniform details have been sent out recently and are on our website.

Ear Piercing – please do this in the summer holidays as we don't allow earrings at school

We do not allow children to wear any jewellery. This is for safety reasons. If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced please remember they will not be allowed to wear earrings at school. It is a good idea – if you are thinking about having your child's ears pierced – to get this done at the very beginning of the summer holidays. This gives 6 weeks for the piercing to take hold meaning the earrings can be removed ready for the start of school. We do not allow children to wear earrings under any circumstances so please plan ahead now and avoid any potential upset. Thank you very much indeed for your support – we really appreciate it.



Multicultural Britain Week – 8th to 12th July



Later in the term we will be celebrating our 'Multicultural Britain' week where we will learn about a different culture each day. This year we will be learning about England as our home nation, Pakistan, Africa, Poland and India. We will learn about a famous person (a hero or heroine) from each culture: Princess Diana for England, Malala Yousafzai for Pakistan, Nelson Mandela for Africa, Pope John Paul II for Poland and Mahatma Gandhi for India. The children will learn about the cultures and the countries and the week will be celebrated with our 'Heroes and Heroines' performances at the end of the week. Full details in the 'Diary Dates'

Summer Get Together – thanks for your donations so far! Please keep sending your donations!

The Summer Get Together (Friday 12th July at 3.30pm) comes at the end of our Multicultural Britain week and follows on from the morning performances on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July. The Get Together is a great opportunity for everyone to come together in school before we break up for the summer holidays.



There will be a raffle, some tombola's and a toy sale. Tea and Coffee / Pop will be on sale and everything is at pocket money prices. Our DJs will be here playing some summer tunes and hopefully our lovely open air terrace can be enjoyed (if it's dry!). Unfortunately **we no longer have the bouncy castle** but there will still be lots of fun and the chance to come together. As always, there will be a raffle with lots of prizes! **Thank you for continuing to donate your items each week if you can!**

End of Year Reports and Optional Parent's Evening



We are trying a new style of end of year report this year. It will provide a simpler 'at a glance' update on your child's attainment (similar to the mini reports) and more personalised, longer text about your child's achievements, progress, behaviour, strengths and targets for the next year. As always, our reports are written personally for you by the teachers – we don't use any computer programmes to automatically generate our reports.

We hope that you will find the new reports more user friendly. Reports will be sent out on Tuesday 9th July.

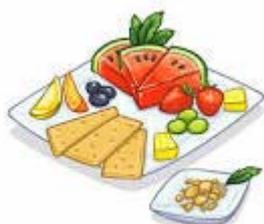
There will be an optional parent's evening on Tuesday 16th July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. If you wish to discuss your child's report face to face with the teacher there will be a booking form enclosed with the report. As you will have received a written end of year report – this final parent's evening is optional.

School Nurse Drop Ins

Our new School Nurse, Stacey Harris, is available to see you upon request (just see the office) or at her regular drop in sessions. Dates for these sessions are listed in the Diary Dates document. Stacey can help you with the full range of child health issues – physical, mental and emotional and is very nice to work with. Please feel free to make use of this very precious service.



Healthy Snacks Only – no high sugar, high calorie or high fat snacks at break or lunch, please



Please make sure that any food your child brings to school is of a healthy nature. We encourage fruit for playtime snacks. We only allow small packets of crisps or snacks (approx. 20g) and we ask you to choose low fat options. Similarly a small biscuit or biscuit bar is acceptable. We do not allow chocolate bars, sweets or large bags of crisps. All drinks must be still and sugar free. At lunchtimes please ensure you don't send any high fat or high sugar foods. If your child brings unhealthy food to school we will

contact you and ask you to supply an alternative, whilst asking your child to put the unhealthy food back in their bag. Thanks for your support – it's our duty to promote healthy eating at school.

Holidays in Term Time are not authorised – please do not break the law

Please remember that government legislation means holidays in term time are not authorised. Taking a holiday without authorisation (an unauthorised absence) can lead to a penalty fine and / or the school taking your child off the register and you having to find a new school upon your return. We automatically refer all unauthorised absence to the local authority Education Investigation Service. Fines are collected and retained by the local authority – the school does not receive any income from fines. As a school we simply operate as the law sets out and we do this because it is important that children are in school during term time. Our classes are fully operational right up until the last day of each term – we don't have 'toy days' or 'wind down weeks' – we treat our responsibility to educate your children very seriously and our classes run as normal right up until the end of term. If you take your child out of school for an unauthorised absence they really are missing out on learning – even if it is at the end of a term.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Summer Term Trips



If you haven't already done so, please double check that you have paid your contribution for your child's summer term trip via Parentpay. We have subsidised the cost of all of the trips with donations from the school fund and your parental contribution is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Sports Days

Sports Days will go ahead whatever the weather – we simply come into the hall if the weather is wet! All of the dates and times you need are in the diary dates attached to this newsletter. For Years 1 to 6, providing the weather is dry – please make your way to the gate at the right of the school building (by Year 6 class / nearest to Hillcrest Road as you look at the front of the school). A member of our team will open the gate approximately 5 minutes before each class' allotted time. If it's raining – come into school via the main front office entrance. For Nursery and Reception Sports Days – please wait at the gate to the left of the school building (by the staff car park) and a member of our team will be there to meet you approximately 5 minutes before the start time for your child's sports day. Don't forget to bring some sun cream or an umbrella depending on the weather!



Drinks Bottles



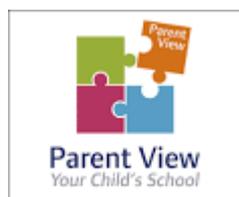
We encourage all children to bring a drink of water or still sugar free squash to school each day. This is in addition to any drink your child brings with their sandwiches. It is very important that children drink regularly and keep themselves hydrated. For hygiene purposes we ask that the bottle is taken home each night to be washed.

Sun Cream

When summer eventually arrives – please make sure you apply sun cream to your child's face, arms and legs if appropriate each day before school. We have sun cream available for top ups during the school day but it is important your child comes to school fully protected. Remember the sun is very strong in June and July and it's easy to get burnt even on cloudy days. Sun hats and caps can be worn at break and lunch times and are encouraged.



Ofsted Parent View



Parent View is used by both Ofsted and the school to monitor and respond to the thoughts and opinions of parents. Ofsted use Parentview to inform their evaluation of the school and school leaders use it to plan for improvements and check that parents are happy with what is provided at the school.

It's really important we have as many reviews on Parentview as possible. **All we ever ask is that if you are not happy with something you let us know first so we have the chance to put it right.** Equally if you are happy with what the school provides – **it would be much appreciated if you could tell us and Ofsted by submitting a review!**

Please go to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and leave your review – we are very grateful for your support.

We want you and your child/ren to be happy – so please keep in touch



The safety, educational progress and personal happiness of every child and family we serve is our TOP priority. **We try hard to make St Joseph's the best school we can – but things can, do and always will go wrong!** No school can be perfect and being an 'outstanding' school is no exception! We recognise this and **the most important thing we can do is to promise to always try our very best to sort out problems as quickly as possible.**

It's really important that you let us know if you or your child is upset or worried about something. **The sooner we know – the sooner we can sort things out.** Never, ever spend the evening or the weekend worried or upset – be totally assured that as soon as you tell us we will do everything in our power to sort things out and make things better.

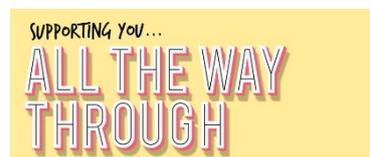
The two most senior leaders in school are **Mr Hinton (Headteacher) and Mrs Chapman (Deputy Headteacher.)** We can normally see you straight away and if for any reason we can't – we will always call you back as soon as possible.

Mrs Cheema is our senior teacher – she is also available to help you and also stands in if Mr Hinton or Mrs Chapman are off site for any reason.

For many matters – you might want to speak to your child's **teacher or teaching assistant.** You can always see classroom staff at the end of the day and they will also try to see you before school so long as it's before the children have started coming in. The teachers will also call you back if you request this.

Always see Mr Hinton or Mrs Chapman if your problem has not been resolved

If for any reason your problems have not been resolved or if you would prefer to come straight to us – never hesitate to get in touch. We want you and your child/ren to be happy and we will genuinely do everything we can to help. We are the two most senior leaders and managers of the school and it is very important that you let us know if your problems have not been resolved or if you are unhappy with the service or treatment you have received. **You can be assured that we will always do our best to make sure you are happy.**



Thank you for your support

Thanks for working with us, understanding why we need to enforce the rules from time to time and for being so nice to work with week in and week out. All of the staff are proud to be part of the St Joseph's team and we are proud to work with all of the families we serve. We all very much look forward to seeing you during the last few weeks of the term.

With every kind wish,

Mr M Hinton,

Principal

Diary Dates for Summer Term 2019

THURSDAY 20th June – Year 2's class assembly at 2.30pm – changed from Friday.



Thursday 20th June- Nurse Stacey is available – please call the school office to book a time slot with her

Friday 21st June: Please note there is no assembly this Friday

Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June: Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) week in school – full details have been sent out and an information evening was held on 17th June– contact your child's teacher if you need any more information.

Monday 24th June - Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day with Dan Callow

Tuesday 25th June – Year 4's class Mass at 9.15am

THURSDAY 27th June – Year 1's assembly at 2.30pm – changed from Friday

Friday 28th June: Please note there is no assembly this Friday.

Monday 1st July – Reception Class Sports Day - at 9.15am whatever the weather! We will move indoors if it is raining.

Monday 1st July – Sports Day for Afternoon Nursery at 2.15pm whatever the weather! We will move indoors if it is raining.



Monday 1st July - Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 2nd July - Year 5 visit to the Oratory

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 3's Mass in school at 9.15am

Tuesday 2nd July – Sports Day for Morning Nursery at 10.15am whatever the weather! We will move indoors if it is raining.

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports Day for Year 4 at 9.15am, Year 5 at 10.15am and Year 6 at 11.15am whatever the weather! We will move indoors if it is raining.

Thursday 4th July - Year 4 visit to Cadbury World

Thursday 4th July – Sports Day for Year 1 at 9.15am, Year 2 at 10.15am and Year 3 at 11.15am whatever the weather! We will move indoors if it is raining.



Friday 5th July - Year 2 to visit Clevedon Pier and Portishead Lifeboat Station.

Friday 5th July - Nurse Stacey Drop-In 8:45am

Friday 5th July- Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

Friday 5th July – Reception class assembly at 2.30pm

Week Beginning Monday 8th July - Multicultural Britain Week in school

Tuesday 9th July - Reception class to visit to Telford Wonderland

Tuesday 9th July – Year 1 and 2 to lead Mass in school at 9.15am

Tuesday 9th July - Year 6 Reconciliation Service after Mass at 10.45am

Wednesday 10th July – Year 6's Confirmation 6.30pm in church with Bishop David McGough

Thursday 11th July - Performances from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 9.15am to celebrate our multicultural Britain week.

Thursday 11th July- Year 6 visit to Jesuit Community, Harborne



Friday 12th July - Performances from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 from 9.15am to celebrate our multicultural Britain week.

Friday 12th July - Year 1 to visit Hatton Adventure World



Friday 12th July - Summer Get Together from 3.30pm with raffle, tombola's and summer tunes! For health and safety reasons we are no longer having a bouncy castle but there will be stalls, prizes, a raffle and our Disco DJs will be spinning summer tunes!

Monday 15th July - Year 6 to visit to Warwick Castle

Monday 15th July- Nurse Stacey Drop-In 2:00pm

Tuesday 16th July – Optional Parents Evening to discuss your child's report – if you wish. A booking form will be sent out with your child's report.

Wednesday 17th July - Disco and party day – no need to donate food or pop but please donate £1 towards the cost of the Disco if you can.



Thursday 18th July – Year 6's Graduation at 2pm

Friday 19th July - End of term merit / awards assembly at 11.00am – all welcome

Friday 19th July – End of school year celebration assembly at 2.15pm – all welcome

Friday 19th July – School closes for the holidays at 3.15pm.

Tuesday 3rd September – School reopens for children at 8.45am

