



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Second-Half Summer Newsletter

9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term newsletter

Our values from the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile this term are FAITH FILLED and HOPEFUL.

Faith filled – learning to keep our faith and trust in God almighty even when things are difficult or we are challenged.

Hopeful – keeping our faith and believing in hope – the hope and trust that our prayers are heard, God knows us, loves us, hears us and helps us. Having hope in our faith in Lord Jesus Christ.



Thank you for your support this year – we cannot tell you how much we have appreciated it

I want to open this end of term newsletter by thanking every parent, carer and family member from the bottom of my heart for your cooperation, understanding and support for the school this year. 2020 and 2021 have been difficult in every walk of life and the restrictions placed upon schools – lockdown closure, remote learning, staggered starts, bubble closures, no parents coming to assembly and Mass..... the list goes on – have made life very difficult. Throughout this period the parents, carers and families at this school have been so supportive, so understanding and so kind towards the staff of the school and it's really important as the Executive Head of School that I let you all know how much we have appreciated all of your exceptional support and understanding. As staff we're really proud to serve at St Joseph's and we thank you so much.

GOODBYE - GOOD LUCK

Staff who are leaving us in July

Mrs MacDonald

Mrs MacDonald is leaving us in the summer after 5 years of service in our Year 6 class. She has made a huge impact on our school and helped our Year 6 children to achieve their best. We really want to thank Mrs MacDonald for all of her innovative teaching and her commitment to securing the best possible outcomes for the children. Mrs MacDonald is leaving to focus on her family





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commitments. We want to thank Mrs MacDonald for all of her generous service and wish her all the best for the future.

Miss Bullock

Miss Bullock has worked at St Joseph's for many years, firstly as a teaching assistant, throughout her teacher training and most recently as a class teacher. Miss Bullock is well known as a kind and caring member of staff who has helped all of the children in her care to do well. Miss Bullock is taking up promotion to be a teacher in a specialist provision and we know she will bring something truly special to this role. We thank Miss Bullock for all of her generous service and wish her all the best for the future.



Mrs Lowe

Mrs Lowe has been a teaching assistant at St Joseph's for six years and has worked mainly with our youngest children in early years. She is well known as a kind and caring member of staff and she is leaving us to take up a part time position. We want to thank Mrs Lowe for all of her generous service and wish her all the best for the future.



Miss Perry

Miss Perry has been an apprentice in EYFS and has now successfully qualified as a Teaching Assistant! We are very proud of her! Miss Perry is now leaving us as she has secured her first position as a qualified teaching assistant in another school. We wish her all the very best.



Miss Polito

Miss Polito is a kind and caring teacher and has been an excellent addition to our St Joseph's family. Although Miss Polito is leaving St Joseph's, she's not going far, as she will be teaching at St Chad's (one of the other primary schools in the MAC) next year. We wish her all the best and I'm sure we'll be seeing her again soon!

Goodbye to Mr Gilbert who left on 2nd July

Mr Gilbert left us on 2nd July to take a promotion in another school. We will miss Mr Gilbert and we thank him for his years of service, caring for the school building, children and so much more. We wish him all the very best in his new position.





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Goodbye to our Year 6 pupils

Just like last year, our Year 6 pupils have experienced a very different type of year in Year 6 – unlike anything that has happened in the 100 or so years before 2020 and 2021. We'd like to say what an absolute credit to their parents and carers the children in Year 6 have been this year and indeed throughout their time in school. This year they have coped extremely well with online learning, bubble closures and all of the other differences to school life in 2021. All things considered – the class have done brilliantly and we'd like to thank both the children and yourselves for all your support and understanding in this difficult year. There are lots of special events and activities for Year 6 in the last week or so of school and we hope the children will enjoy them all. We wish every single child in Year 6 all the best for next September and we promise that they will be kept in our prayers at the start of next term.



Goodbye to parents and carers who will no longer be coming to the school in September

If this July marks the end of your time as a parent or carer at St Joseph's we'd like to say goodbye and wish you and your family all the best for the future. Thank you for your support of the school and we hope the next stage in your child's school journey is a happy one – we will be praying for all of our leavers and their families well into the next school year.

CLASS schedule

Classroom Staffing List for September 2021

Nursery Mrs Smith – Senior Teacher / Deputy EYFS Leader (0.5) / Miss Link – Early Years Lead Practitioner (0.5) and a Level 3 Teaching Assistant (to be advised) – Full Time.

Reception: Mrs Iqbal – Teacher, Miss Iqbal and Mrs Gilbert – Teaching Assistants





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Year 1: Mrs Buckley – Teacher and Miss Sibley, Mrs Wroblewski – Teaching Assistants

Year 2: Miss Cresswell – Teacher, Mrs Philpott, Mrs Wroblewski, - Teaching Assistants

Year 3: Miss Lyttle, Teacher, Mrs Philpott, Miss Sibley, Miss Giovenco Teaching Assistants

Year 4: Miss Marsh, Teacher Mrs Parker Teaching Assistant

Year 5: Mrs Hickman, Teacher, Miss Carre, Teaching Assistant

Year 6: Mrs Cheema, Senior Teacher, Mrs Toddington, Teacher Apprentice, Miss Giovenco Teaching Assistant

Executive Headteacher: Mr Hinton – serving St Chad's and St Joseph's – predominantly based at St Chad's

Executive Head of School: Mrs Chapman – serving both schools – predominantly based at St Joseph's

Lead Senior Teachers: Mrs Cheema, Senior Teacher: Miss Oakley Senior Teacher: (SENCO / EYFS Leader / Phonics Leader)– serving both schools.

Senior Teachers: Mrs Smith Deputy EYFS Leader (serving both schools)

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Hinton and Mrs Chapman

Deputy designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Cheema and Miss Oakley

Your child's end of year report

End of year reports will be sent out next week and we will email you to confirm when these have been sent.

Optional parent phone call consultations should you wish to discuss your child's report

Your child's report will include a slip where you can request a call back from your child's teacher if you would like to speak to them. In many cases the report itself is sufficient to give you all the end of year information you need. However, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher you can request a call from them. Full details will be included with the report. This parent consultation / call back is entirely optional and only intended for those parents who wish to discuss the written report.





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Sports Days

Sadly, we are not able to invite you to our sports days next week but we are pleased to tell you they will be going ahead, one class bubble at a time whatever the weather. If the weather is fine sports will take place outdoors and if it is raining each class will hold their events in the hall. Every child will earn points for their team by taking part, with extra points for the top three places in each event. At the end of the week we will total up the points scored and announce our Sports Day winning team for 2021!



Timings of the school day for September 2021

This week the government have announced that the 'bubbles' system for keeping class groups separated will cease to be mandatory from the end of term. They have also announced that there will no longer be a requirement for staggered start times. All existing bubble arrangements and staggered starts remain in place for this term – but things will change for September.

From September – school opens for children in Reception to Year 6 at 8.45am – children can come in to school from 8.45am onwards. School starts at 9am. Doors are closed at 9am and any arrivals after 9am are marked as late. School finishes each day for Reception to Year 6 at 3.15pm.

Timings for nursery will be mornings 8.30am to 11.30am, afternoons 12.30pm to 3.30pm and 30 hours funded provision 8.30am to 2.30pm with the option to pay a top up fee to 3.30pm.

School Life from September 2021

The government are just starting to announce things for September – we will study everything and make the changes once they are confirmed. At the time of writing all we know for sure is that staggered starts will no longer be required and bubbles will not be required. Once we know more – we will write to you this term or early next term. However – please be assured that – based on the latest announcements – school times for Reception to Year 6 will be 9am to 3.15pm with doors open from 8.45am. This will only change if government guidance should unexpectedly change, which seems unlikely at this stage.





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DATES TO REMEMBER



End of Term Diary Dates: Sadly, we cannot invite you to any of these events.

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 12 th July	Sports Day for Y4,5,6 (Morning) Individual classes outdoors one at a time – no mixing of bubbles	Will be rearranged or moved to the hall if weather is bad.
Wednesday 14 th July	Reception Class Sports Day (Morning)	Will be moved to the hall if weather is bad.
Tues 13 th July – Mon 19 th July	Optional Parent / Carer phone calls to discuss your child's end of year report if you would like to	Arrangements will be included in your child's report.
Wednesday 14 th July	Sports Day for Years 1,2 and 3 (Morning) Individual classes outdoors one at a time – no mixing of bubbles	Will be moved to the hall if weather is bad.
Friday 16 th July	Own clothes day Movie Afternoon in class – except Year 6 as they're on their trip – their own clothes day and movie afternoon will be Thursday 15 th July.	Own Clothes Day!
Monday 19 th July	Year 6 Graduation – AFTERNOON	Video copy (USB) will be provided for all families
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leaver's / Confirmation Mass 9.15am Year 6 Leaver's / Confirmation Tea Party after Mass	School is providing each child with an individual boxed 'tea party' including cakes, crisps and a drink. Donations towards costs welcomed.
Tuesday 20 th July	Break up for summer holidays	(Weds 21 st is a staff training day)
Children return back to school on Thursday 2 nd September 2021 School opens Reception to Year 6: 8.45am – School starts 9am – Finishes 3.15pm		





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Have a safe and happy summer

We hope that you and your family enjoy a safe and happy summer. All the best to everyone who is leaving us in July – and to everyone returning – we really look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

School closes for Summer on Tuesday 20th July and reopens to pupils on Thursday 2nd September from 8.45am.

With every kind wish as always,

Mrs S Chapman,

Executive Head of School

