



Term Newsletter – Second Half Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the half-term break and, as always, it's been our great pleasure to welcome all of the children and families back to school for the second half of the summer term. As always, there are lots of things happening in school and along with this newsletter we have sent out our '**Diary Dates**' as a separate document for you to keep. This newsletter gives you some important news and information about school and we very much look forward to working with you during this second half of Summer Term.

Our Catholic Schools Pupil Profile values for this half term are.

Intentional: Being intentional with our words and actions – making good choices.

Prophetic: Speaking clearly treating others the way Jesus showed us.

CAFODs Live Simply Award

We are very proud to share that our school has been awarded CAFODs Live Simply Award! The award is in recognition of our work and commitment to Live in Solidarity with the Poor, Live Sustainably and Live Simply. We had to provide lots of evidence



of our work to the assessors from CAFOD – they even met with some of our children and were VERY impressed with what they heard and saw. We are only the 8th school in the whole of the Archdiocese of Birmingham to achieve the award and we are VERY proud!

End of Year Reports – out on Monday 10th July

We will be sending out an end of year report to keep you up to date with your child's achievement and progress at school during this academic year. There will be a parents' evening on Monday 17th July if you wish to discuss any aspect of the end of year report with the class teacher. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you need to discuss anything with them – **you never have to wait for parents' evening!**

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 Parent View to inform their evaluation of the school, and school leaders use it to plan for improvements and to check that parents are happy with what is provided at the school.

It's really important we have as many reviews on Parent View 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!



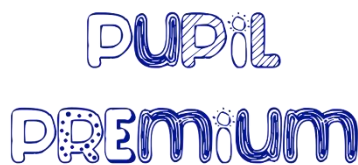
Please go to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and leave your review – we are very grateful for your support.

Free School Meals – Pupils in current Year 2



Pupils in our current year 2 class will not receive Universal Infant Free School Meals once they move up into Year 3 this September. However, you may qualify for free school meals, and if you do it's **really important to apply in advance.** See below for details of how to apply and the eligibility criteria.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding – Please help us to access precious government funding



For every child that is eligible for free school meals – we receive very valuable funding from the government called ‘Pupil Premium Funding.’ This funding is very precious and valuable and is always spent on improving the provision in school for the children.

If you successfully apply for free school meals you not only have the option to choose free school lunches for your child but you also bring in very precious

funding for the school for the next 6 years.

Who should apply? Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!

We only get pupil premium funding if you **apply for free school meals**. Even though all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals – you still need to **make an application** in order for us to access **pupil premium funding**. If you are eligible – whether your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 – it’s really important that you **apply for free school meals**.

Am I eligible for free school meals?

If you receive the following benefits you can apply for free school meals

- Universal Credit (provided monthly net earned income of less than £616.66, after tax and not including any benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-On – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Uniform



St Joseph’s 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 dyeing** 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 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.

Behaviour at St Joseph's

Our children consistently demonstrate their understanding of our faith and values and have a good understanding of what good behaviour and behaviour for learning looks like. We remind the children often what good behaviour looks like on the playground, in the classroom etc. Recently the children discussed our behaviour policy and wanted to make a few changes – so that's what we did! We have a clear behaviour chart for both inside and outside of school to congratulate children for consistently good behaviour and reminders to help children when they need a bit of help.

Behaviour Chart – in the classroom Everyone starts the session on green.

Good behaviour means you will receive verbal praise.

Good behaviour means you can change your card to silver and earn 2 house points.

Continued good behaviour means you can change your card to gold and earn 5 house points.

Poor behaviour means you will receive a warning and need to make a change.

Continued poor behaviour means you will move to amber and need to change your behaviour quickly. You will need to take some thinking time – 1 minute in EYFS, 2 minutes in KS1 and 5 minutes in KS2

Continued poor behaviour means you will move to red and will be moved to another classroom for the rest of the session. When you return to your classroom you will be on amber.

YOU SHOULD ONLY MOVE YOUR OWN NAME / PHOTO

Behaviour Chart – outside Everyone starts the playtime or lunchtime on green.

Good behaviour means you will receive verbal praise.

Good behaviour means you can change your card to silver and earn 2 house points.

Continued good behaviour means you can change your card to gold and earn 5 house points.

Poor behaviour means you will receive a warning and need to make a change.

Continued poor behaviour means you can need to change your card to amber and change your behaviour quickly. You will need to take some thinking time – 1 minute in EYFS, 2 minutes in KS1 and 5 minutes in KS2

Continued poor behaviour means you can need to change your card to red and make an immediate change. You will need to speak to a teacher about your behaviour.

Class monitors change the cards back to green at the end of every playtime / lunchtime – YOU SHOULD ONLY CHANGE YOUR OWN CARD

Discipleship Week and Keeping Safe

We will be holding a special Discipleship Week beginning Monday 26th June. During this week the children will be reflecting on Pope Francis' Encyclicals of Fratelli Tutti and Laudato SI – thinking about how we can look after the beautiful world God created for us and how we can show love and kindness to our brothers and sisters around the world. We also have One Life Music booked for a whole school **retreat day!** During this week we will also be working with the NSPCC and providing Keeping Safe workshops to all of the children in the school.

Brilliant in Britain Week



We will be holding our second Brilliant in Britain Week where we will be learning about other faiths, including: places of worship, festivals rituals and customs. During this week we will also finish our Health and Relationship programme from Ten:Ten where children focus on living in a community. We finish this special week by holding our well-known dance festival on **Friday 7th July!** Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will perform at 9.15am and children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will perform from 2.15pm.

Summer Get Together – Please help by sending your donations!

The Summer Get Together (Friday 14th July at 3.30pm). 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 tombolas and a toy sale. Tea and Coffee / Pop will be on sale and everything is at pocket money prices. Hopefully our lovely open-air terrace can be enjoyed (if it's dry!) There will be a raffle with lots of prizes!

Thank you for donating your items each week if you can!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donations</u>
Friday 16 th June	Chocolate and sweet donations
Friday 23 rd June	Bottle donations – anything in a bottle!
Friday 30 th June	Cuddly toys, children's books and games
Friday 7 th July	Toiletries – gift sets, bubble bath, hand cream etc – for both men and women!
Friday 14 th July	Tea, coffee, long-life milk, biscuits and cakes

Parents in school

It's lovely to have so many parents joining us for our weekly Masses and assemblies. The children work so hard to practise readings, acting etc. and are so happy to see their parents in school. With this in mind, could we politely request that parents are quiet during our gatherings and that unsettled children are accompanied to the school reception area until they re-settle as some of our children find the noise distracting. In addition, can we remind parents of young children that when in school the young child remains the responsibility of the parent / carer and it is their responsibility to keep the child safe. Thank you for your understanding.

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 'outstanding' is no exception! **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 most senior leaders in school are **Mrs Chapman (Principal) Mrs Cheema (Assistant Principal) and Mrs Buckley (Assistant Principal)** We can normally see you straight away, but if for any reason we can't, we will always call you back as soon as possible.

Mrs Hickman is our SENCO (Covering Miss Oakley's Maternity Leave) – she is also available to help you and will be your primary contact to discuss any additional needs your child may have.

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 as long as it's before the children have started coming in. The teachers will also call you back if you request this.

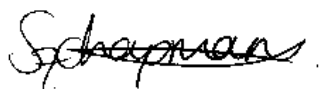
Always see Mrs Chapman Mrs Cheema or Mrs Buckley if your problem has not been resolved

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.

Thanks for your support

Everyone at St Joseph's loves working with each and every one of the children and their families. We are grateful for your support of the school and the personal kindness and courtesy you show to us.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Chapman', with a small dot at the end.

Mrs S Chapman, Principal