



Dear Parents,

The summer half-term is on the horizon! Please read on for some important information regarding this term...

Uniform

Summer uniform should be worn during this summer school term:

- Girls – summer dresses (blue and white check) and blue cardigans/jumpers
- Boys – light blue polo shirts with either grey shorts or trousers and grey jumpers
- Parents of nursery children can choose whether to send their children into school wearing a summer uniform or their usual tracksuits.



Please remember jewellery, shaved hair patterns and distinctly contrasting hair styles are not permitted. Children should wear school shoes to school – ankle boots and **trainers** are **not** permitted. Please also ensure long hair is tied back. We have also had some issues with the amount of beads in children's hair – these are rattling and causing a distraction to the child wearing the beads and to others in class – one bead on the end of braids seems sufficient. We would appreciate parents reminding their boys to tuck their shirts in also! Thank you. At St. Joseph's we have high regard for looking smart, ready for school and well presented – we always appreciate your support with this as it is a collective responsibility to reflect our high standards.

Administrational Notices

School Absences

Please remember that if your child is absent from school the following procedure must be followed:

1. Contact the school office by telephone to inform the school at the earliest possible time. The school office is open from 7:30am onwards.
2. Record the date, duration and reason for your child's absence in writing, which will be retained in our office records.
3. All medical appointments must be confirmed with an official appointment card or letter, including dental appointments.



St. Joseph's prides itself on maintaining a good standard of pupil attendance. Please continue to support us with this and remember to book family and annual holidays within school holiday times.

Warm Weather (well... fingers crossed!)

We will be reminding the children of how to play safely in the coming warm weather (should we be so lucky!) during break-times. Please remember school caps can be purchased from the office and these are advisable for sun protection. Also sun cream should be applied before school on your child's face, neck, arms and legs.



Water bottles remain part of the school uniform. Please ensure these are brought to school full.

Important Dates

- We break for the summer half-term – Friday 27th May at 3:15pm
- We return to school after the summer half-term break on Monday 6th June at 8.55am, (supervision in the playground from 8:40am)

Our school sports days are on the following dates:

- Reception and Key Stage One – Wednesday 15th June, (doors open at 1:30pm)
- Nursery – Thursday 16th June, (doors open at 1:45pm)
- Key Stage Two – Friday 17th June, (doors open at 1:30pm)



Our last *INSET* day of the academic year is on Monday 27th June. School is closed to all pupils on this day. Please record this date for your reference.

The school term dates for the next academic year 2016/2017 were distributed in February earlier this year. They are also available on our school website, (web address detailed at the top of this letter), or upon request at the school office. Please keep these dates for your future reference, especially when organising family holidays *ensuring* these do not fall in term time - Thank you.

Food Revolution Day!

We will be marking Food Revolution Day on Friday 20th May. Jamie Oliver's key messages are...

- Our children need to eat healthily by knowing all about food – what to eat, what to choose, how to cook it and about healthy portion sizes. They also need to understand where our food comes from and how it is treated/processed.
- They need to understand that a balanced diet reduces health problems such as obesity and vitamin deficiencies – so be careful with sugary foods and drinks!
- We need to eat sustainably, which is a healthy practice for us and our planet! So eat wonky vegetables to reduce food waste and eat different types of fish!

Please support this learning by discussing it with your child at home.

Assessment Week

We had a successful assessment week with our Year 2 and Year 6 children. Assessments continue for many children in school until the May half-term week. The children have been working hard and trying their best and our teachers have been relentless in their efforts to support the children during this time. A few Y6 children had to be reminded to get to bed early and to attempt every question, but overall we are pleased with their efforts. Thank you to those Y6 parents who have supported their children during this important time in the school year. We eagerly await the government's publication of standardised scores to see how our children have achieved this year.

Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday!

We are holding our very own street party on Friday 10th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday! From 12-2pm all children will have lunch in the playground and they will get to enjoy a whole array of fun games activities relating to the Queen and the different decades of her life. We will have sweet shops with items priced at 1950's prices!

We would love you to get involved with our street party day and below is a checklist of the ways in which you can...

Checklist:

- Cook a dish (avoid nuts and shellfish and label your containers with your child's name so it can be returned) **or** donate some food items, e.g. crisps, mini sausage rolls, cocktail sausages, cartons of juice, mini cake bars or biscuits – *not too much!* - we will be providing finger sandwiches, salad, fruit, bread and a rice dish from the school kitchen too!)
- Send your child in with 3p on this day to spend (items will be priced at 1950's prices!)
- Select an outfit for your child to wear. The theme is 'red, white & blue' plus tiaras and crowns!
- Bring a container with you at home time to collect leftovers at 3:15pm – we do not want to have any food go to waste!

We will have a DJ on site and Southwark News hope to attend our event too! So you could see us in the news soon after!

We will be marking other important upcoming events in school such as the Euro Championships 2016, the Tour de France and Bastille Day as well as the Rio Olympics! Check our website for the super speciality menus served to launch and celebrate these days!

St. Joseph's After School Club

Mrs Child is stepping down as After School Club Manager due to some personal family issues. Mrs Child will still be a valuable part of St. Joseph's School team, but reducing the length of her working day.

Mrs Castagno is also leaving our After School Club in order to concentrate fully on her new and demanding role as the school Catering Manager. Feeding the school well is no easy task and this is combined with the additional responsibilities of menu planning, keeping up-to-date with training and food regulations!

We welcome Miss Wheeler as our new After School Club Manager and Miss Castagno as our new Assistant Manager. Both are excited about their new roles and are full of ideas for developing the After School Club further!

We also say goodbye to Miss McConnell and Miss Bates who have left our After School Club team, but welcome Miss Quinn, Mrs Sweeney & Miss Dixon.

We would like to thank both Mrs Child and Mrs Castagno for their sterling work in managing our After School Club to date and for making it the success it is today – many thanks 😊

Safe Parking Outside the School Entrances/Exits

May we please ask our parents/carers to refrain from parking directly outside the school on the yellow zig-zag lines. These areas are meant to be 'car free' to enable the children and their parents to enter and exit school safely on foot. I am sure that the health and safety of our students is of the utmost importance to all of us.



If you have any questions regarding our school policies, procedures or any items in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Mr Macauley through the school office.

Many thanks, *St. Joseph's School*