



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 questions about coloured bows in children's hair – all hair bands and accessories must have a purpose, e.g. to keep hair away from eyes/tied back so children are free to move without disruption. Hair accessories, including bows, should not simply be worn for decoration. We will discuss this with classes, but please ensure you explain this to your children too.



There is a new uniform item on the high street and that is the summer check playsuit! High-street stores and new fashion trends always keep us on our toes! However, this item of clothing does not form part of our uniform collection. We would advise parents to ask the school if new versions/adaptations of uniform are allowed before purchasing these. Many thanks.

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.

Please also note that Fidget Spinners are not allowed in school – many thanks.



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 26th May at 3:15pm
- We return to school after the summer half-term break on Monday 5th 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 14th June, (doors open at 1:30pm)
- Nursery – Thursday 15th June, (doors open at 1:45pm)
- Key Stage Two – Friday 16th June, (doors open at 1:30pm)



Our last INSET day of the academic year is on Monday 26th 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 2017/2018 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.

Lenten Project

You have helped to raise £566.52 for the children in crisis appeal as part of our Lenten project this year – well done! Thank you so much for your generosity and to Mrs Santangeli for counting all the pennies! 😊

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*

