



Newsletter: May 2018

Dear Parents,

The summer is (almost) here! 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), blue cardigans/jumpers and white or blue tights (optional)
- Boys – light blue polo shirts with either grey shorts or trousers, grey jumpers and grey socks
- 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.



We would appreciate parents reminding their boys to tuck their shirts in also! 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. Thank you.

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 and send it to school so it can be retained in our office records.
3. All medical appointments must be confirmed with an official appointment card or letter, including dental appointments.



Punctuality

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 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.



School Council

Our School Council have been hard at work planning and implementing new initiatives to improve our day to day life here at St Joseph's. We are delighted to announce that the School Council have been successful in securing funding from our PTA to purchase new equipment and resources for the playground for all pupils to enjoy. Well done to all the members of the School Council; the new equipment will be arriving in the near future. Thank you to parents for supporting our PTA and their efforts to secure funding for such exciting new initiatives.

Important Dates

- We break for the summer half-term – Friday 25th May at 3:15pm
- We return to school after the summer half-term break on Monday 4th 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 13th June, (doors open at 1:30pm)
- Nursery – Thursday 14th June, (doors open at 1:45pm)
- Key Stage Two – Friday 15th June, (doors open at 1:30pm)



Our last *INSET* day of the academic year is on Monday 25th 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 2018/2019 were distributed 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.

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.



Parent Pay

We are delighted to announce that parent pay is now up and running allowing parents and carers to make payments electronically as well as in cash. We hope that this will make payments simpler and more efficient – please see the letter that was distributed last week for further information.

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 Mrs Byrne or Mr Hoyes through the school office.

Kind regards,

St. Joseph's School Staff