

Newsletter: April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Easter period and had a restful Easter break. The children have returned energised and ready for the term ahead.

Please find some items for your attention below:



Forthcoming Important Dates and Events

- Thursday 26th April – class photographs
 - Friday 27th April – St. Joseph's Day service (parents can attend our whole school assembly starting at 10:45am, doors open 10:35am. The actual feast day is 1st May)
 - Saturday 28th April – St Joseph's PTA Spring Bazaar in the Wade Hall (from 12:00pm – 3:00pm).
 - Monday 7th May – May Bank Holiday
 - W/C: Monday 14th May – Year 6 SATs week
 - We break for the summer half-term – Friday 25th May at 3:15pm
- Term dates for the next academic year 2018/2019 are available on our website. Please refer to these as required, especially when organising family holidays ensuring these do not fall in term time. Thank you.



Uniform

All children should attend school in their summer uniforms this term:

- Girls – summer dresses (blue and white check); blue cardigans/jumpers and navy/white socks or tights.
- Boys – light blue polo shirts with either grey shorts or trousers and grey jumpers (please remind your son(s) to tuck shirts in and to fasten their top buttons)
- Parents of nursery children can choose whether to send their children into school wearing a summer uniform or their usual track suits.



Please remember jewellery, shaved/coloured hair patterns are not permitted nor distinct, stylised haircuts.
Please also ensure long hair is tied back – thank you.

NB: Party Bags – please ensure you check these when your child receives them so you can decide whether all items are appropriate for your child. If sending in party bags, please ensure these do not contain party poppers or items containing nuts – thank you. Also, only 2-3 items in each bag are recommended.

Parents' Suggestions and Comments

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. The parents' suggestion box is located in the entrance area of the school. Please speak to a member of the admin team if you have a suggestion or would like to make a comment and would like some assistance. We do not have any new suggestions to respond to at this time.



Admin Notices

Thank you to parents/carers for providing school payments in blue school money pockets. These can be purchased from the main reception desk at a cost of £1.00 for 10 pockets.

School uniform can be ordered via the main reception desk. Alternatively, you can collect a uniform order form from main reception to complete and return it at a later date. Please ensure that all payments for uniform are made at the time of ordering.



We are unable to administer medication to any child unless it has been prescribed by a doctor. If prescribed medication is required during the school day, please ensure you have completed a 'Medication Permission' form which can be obtained from the main reception area.

Please ensure you and your child are organised for school. Whilst we appreciate, at times, you may forget PE kits and water bottles, it helps us all if the children arrive in school, on time, with all their belongings. The member of our admin. team, positioned at the pupil entrance at 8:40am is primarily there to ensure pupil safety. Please keep interactions with this member of staff to a minimum and visit the main reception should you have a detailed enquiry – many thanks.

New School Website

We are delighted to announce that our new look school website is now live and can be accessed through the same web address as the previous website: www.stjosephsgeorgerow.org. The new website will make it easier for parents to access key information about the school such as term dates, upcoming parents meetings and school events. Furthermore, our new website will provide you with a greater insight into the children's learning and achievements here at St Joseph's.

Well done Mrs Hilton!

All of the staff and children at St Joseph's want to wish massive congratulations to Mrs Hilton, teacher of Champion Class, who successfully completed the London Marathon in a fabulous time of 5 hours, 52 minutes and 25 seconds. Our whole school community are very proud of her achievement and her efforts in raising money for the charity 'Community Empowerment Support Organisation' who work to raise funds to support the Ivor Leigh Memorial School in Sierra Leone.

Reminders

The pupil entrance opens from 8:40am every day. The school whistle sounds at 8:55am signalling the start to the school day. Children will be admitted into school via the pupil entrance after the whistle has sounded, but they will be given a late card and will be asked to join the late line as their class may have already entered the school building. Once all classes have entered, a member of staff supervises children in the late line into school. To avoid your child being late, please ensure s/he is on time by arriving at school at least 5 minutes before the whistle sounds.

We hope to see a lot more warm weather this term, if we do, please apply sun cream to your child's face, neck, arms and legs before school. We will be talking to the children about regulating their play, e.g. using the shaded areas in the playground, not playing running games for the whole duration of break-times, making use of the quiet areas too and keeping well hydrated with the use of water bottles and water fountains.



Also, if your child takes home any items of uniform belonging to somebody else in error, please ensure these are returned at the next available opportunity – many thanks.

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