

Newsletter: April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break as we all look forward to an exciting summer term ahead.

Today the children enjoyed the conclusion of our Easter celebrations with our assembly on the resurrection, followed by an Easter egg hunt which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Congratulations

It is with great joy that on behalf of all the St Joseph's family that we wish to congratulate Mrs Byrne, who is expecting her first child during the summer holiday. Mrs Byrne shared her good news with the children in our assemblies yesterday and there was much excitement! Mrs Byrne will continue in her role as Headteacher, taking her maternity leave during the summer break; she is expecting to return from maternity leave on Friday 6th September. Congratulations Mrs Byrne!

Forthcoming Important Dates and Events

- Wednesday 1st May – St. Joseph's Day service (parents can attend our whole school assembly starting at 10:45am, doors open 10:35am).
 - Monday 6th May – May Bank Holiday
 - Wednesday 8th May – Class Photographs
 - W/C: Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATs week
 - Friday 24th May at 3:15pm - We break for the summer half-term
- Term dates for the next academic year 2019/2020 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 and white socks or tights.
- Boys – light blue polo shirts with either grey shorts or trousers, grey jumpers and grey socks (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.



Items of summer uniform are on sale from the website:

<https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/st-josephs-014b-r-c-primary-school-20988>.

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

Parents' Suggestions and Comments

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. The parents' suggestion box is located in the entrance area of the school. We appreciate suggestions about how to ensure that we as a school reduce our use of



paper; something that is always at the forefront of our practices as a school. Please note that all letters that are sent out with the children are also available electronically on the school's website.

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.

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 that 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.

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