St Joseph's Newsletter
June 2021

Important Information

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. Below is a list of some important dates to note for the final half-term.

Feast Days

- Thursday 17th June - Feast of Corpus Christi
- Tuesday 29th June - Feast of St. Peter & Paul

Parents Meetings

- Thursday 24th June - Reception Welcome Meeting (for parents of children entering into Reception), *2.00pm*
- Thursday 1st July - Nursery Welcome Meeting (for parents of children entering into Nursery), *2.00pm*
- Thursday 15th July Y2 Transition Meeting (for parents of children entering into Y3), *2.00pm*

Reporting & Parents Evenings

- Monday 5th of July - Pupil Annual Reports sent home
- Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th July - Parents Evening *(from 3:45-6:15pm each evening)* This will be an opportunity to discuss reports, not view children work due to Coronavirus measures. Parents will need to book appointment slots via ParentMail – further information to follow. Please remember children are not permitted to attend parents' evenings.

Year 6 Events

- Tuesday 13th July Y6 Leavers Assembly, *9.10am*
- Wednesday 21st July Y6 Leavers Mass, *4.30pm*

Please note that all dates and timings are provisional, subject to changes in Coronavirus guidance and restrictions. More detailed information about each event will be shared with relevant parties closer to the time.

Sports Day

We are currently busy preparing to hold our school Sport's Days next week. Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus restrictions we are unable to have our larger events or have an audience this year but we will be recording the Sport's Days for parents to view online.
A video link to view these events will be made available on the school website in the week beginning 21st June.

Dates of Sport's Days:

- Wednesday 16th of June, Reception (am) and KS1 (pm)
- Thursday 17th June, Nursery
- Friday 18th June, Y3+4 (am) and Y4+6 (pm)
- *Please ensure your child has their full PE kits on the relevant day so they can participate in the event.*

Virtual Class Assemblies

Congratulations to Felton and McAuley Class for leading our school community in their thoughtful assemblies.

Please see the dates below for our upcoming virtual class assemblies. Please note: Parents of the children in the class whose assembly is taking place will be sent a link to the assembly via ParentMail on the morning of the assembly.

Upcoming virtual class assemblies:

- Jerome Class – Friday 11th June
- Baptist Class – Friday 18th June
- Elizabeth Class – Friday 2nd July
- Peter Class – Friday 9th July
- John Paul Class – Friday 16th July

Managing the symptoms of Coronavirus

We ask our parent community to continue to be vigilant in how they manage the symptoms of Coronavirus in their household and in their family.

The NHS defines the symptoms of Coronavirus (including children) as:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child or a member of your household displays symptoms of Coronavirus:

1) Call the school office to inform the school
2) Book a **PCR test** for Coronavirus
3) Self-Isolate until you receive the test results
4) Call the school office to inform the school of the results of the test

PTA Raffle

While the PTA are unable to hold a Summer Fete again this year, they will be holding a raffle with the opportunity to win multiple prizes!

First prize - £200 worth of Amazon vouchers
Second prize - £100 worth of Amazon vouchers
Third prize - £50 worth of Amazon vouchers

On top of that, there is an additional 10 further prizes of £10 vouchers to be won!

Information about how to purchase tickets will be sent home shortly. The draw will be held on Friday 9th of July and winners will be contacted, then announced in the July newsletter.

As always, all proceeds from the raffle will go towards providing valuable resources for the school.

The school would like to thank Mrs Cook and the PTA for their efforts in organising the raffle and for their support throughout the year.

Goodbye

It is always sad to say goodbye to a member of our St. Joseph's family and this year, we have to say goodbye to a few who are relocating or pursuing new challenges.

First we say goodbye to Mr Law, Miss Wright and Miss Sycamore, who after beginning spending the early part of their careers at St Joseph's, are moving on to embrace new opportunities. We wish to express our sincerest thanks to them for all their hard work and dedication to our children and school community and wish them every success in their future teaching careers.

We would also like to wish Mrs Taggart all the very best in her return to Ireland in order to be closer to family. Mrs Taggart has been with us for 5 years and we are truly grateful for the positive impact she has on the lives of our children during her time at St. Josephs.

And finally, a goodbye from Mrs Schönknecht…

It has been my absolute privilege to have spent the past 15 years at St Joseph's. During this time I have had the pleasure of teaching many wonderful children and getting to know their families, as well as working with an incredibly dedicated team of staff.

While I will be sad to leave London and St. Joseph's, I feel truly blessed to have been a part of a community that will always hold a special place in my heart. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, Mrs Byrne, Mr Hoyes and all the staff, and in particular, the children who have made my time at St. Joseph's so enjoyable and given me so many happy memories; I will truly miss you all.

Warm Weather

We will be reminding the children of how to play safely in the warm weather 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 to help keep your child hydrated throughout the day.

Attached is a list of uniform items still directly available from school via the main reception.

Items of uniform are on sale from the website: https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/st-josephs-014b-r-c-primary-school-20988

Prayer of Month

Dear Lord,

Thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit to help us and guide through our lives, just like you did for the apostles at Pentecost. Give us the gift of courage and love to spread your word and live like Jesus taught us to.

Amen

McAuley Class

Communication

If you have any queries or questions you are welcome to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day. Please wait until they have dismissed the majority of their class before approaching them to allow them to safely dismiss the children. Furthermore, you are welcome to book a meeting with your child's teacher or a member of the senior management team by calling the school office.