



Welcome to a new school year. The children have made an excellent start with super behaviour and working hard in their new classes. Teachers have commented on the excellent start they have made and thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart.

I would like to welcome our new families, children and staff into the family of St Joseph's and we hope you are made to feel very welcome.

Dinner money is £2.05 a day, £10.25 a week, and payable on a Monday, for children in y3 - y6. Children can only change from dinners onto packed lunches after a half term break as the kitchen staff need notice. Please inform the office of any changes to ensure that lunch numbers are correct for the kitchen.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive **fruit** as a snack each day. Children in Key Stage 2 can bring a piece of fruit for a snack. Can we ask that grapes are halved for their safety.

Are you in receipt of benefits?

If as a family you are in receipt of benefits please can you inform the office so you can be registered for free school meals as school receives a substantial amount of money for each child registered and this helps provide additional resources / experiences in school. Our staff and children; you should be very proud of our school.

After school clubs

We always run lots of after school clubs which sometimes is provided by outside agencies but also school staff volunteer to run clubs in their own time which I am sure you greatly appreciate. Letters will be out soon informing you of the clubs and times etc

Diary Dates

October Half Term

Break up on Thursday 25th October
PD Day Friday 26 October
Return on Monday 5 November

Christmas Holiday

Break up on Friday 21 December
December and return on
Monday 7th January 2019

Dates for your Diary

21/9/18—Y6 to Inspire to Learn
3/10/18—Bring it on Event at Sunderland Y6
8/10/18—Tempest Photography
10/10/18 - Crucial Crew Y6
15/10/18—Flu Immunisation Programme Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5
23/24 October—Parents Evening
16/11/18—Y2/3 Inspire to Learn
20/11/18—Y5 & Y6 to Inspire to Learn

Class Liturgy Dates:

All start at 9 am in the School hall on a Friday.

Y5 28th September
Y4 5th October
Y2/3 12th October
Y1 19th October
Y6 9th November Remembrance
EYFS 16th November
Y5 23rd November
Y4 30th November
Y2/3 7th December

21st December Rainbow Assembly

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

As a school we are wanting to support the Macmillan Cancer fundraising event by hosting an afternoon coffee and chat.

Donations of cakes will be warmly welcomed on the day.

28th September 2.30pm

Family and friends are all welcome.

Information

St Joseph's Parish Centre

offer a Drop in Centre for Asylum Seekers and refugees every Monday 12-2pm.

Polite Reminders:

- * Haircuts: no tram lines or shaved heads / Long hair to be tied back .
- * No earrings
- * No large hair bands or bows
- * Remove temporary tattoos
- * Full PE Kit needs to be in school each day (no logos on clothes)
- * Reading Record and Reading book needs to be in school each day

Afterschool Clubs table attached. 20p contribution required to help clubs run.

Attendance

Last school year our attendance was 95.3% compared to the national average of 96%. Please can you make a big effort to avoid holidays in term times as there is a direct correlation between good academic performance and good attendance.

We are changing our half termly attendance rewards from a 100% to 98% as we want to acknowledge that children are occasionally ill and we want to reward as many children as possible for achieving a good attendance rate.

Swimming

This year we have decided to provide swimming for all of Y2, 3, 4 and 5. Swimming is an important life skill and we have allocated a larger amount from our PE budget to support this.