

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield

School Bulletin - July 2017 Edition



Farewell

Tuesday sees the last day at St. Joseph's for our fifty Year Six children. They've marked the end of their Primary Education with both a Mass and buffet, as well as the annual Leavers Assembly. We'd like to wish all the children 'Good Luck' as they move on to their various high schools.

Also leaving us, returning to All Hallows' in Almondbury, is Mr Moss who has been teaching in Key Stage One for the last two terms. We'd like to pass on our thanks to him for his time at our school.

The end of the school year sees two members of the Governing Body leaving us. Mrs Maureen Crossley leaves us after one term in office, with Mrs Helen Milner finishing after two terms on the Governing Body. Our thanks go to both governors for the many hours of voluntary time that they've given to our school.



100% Attendance Award Winners

Many congratulations to the 33 children who achieved their 100% attendance during the course of this school year. This is a fantastic achievement and attending every day is the best way for your child to ensure that they maximise their opportunities to make progress. We present the children with an award and a gift for their parents for attending every day of the school year.



Parents Forum

The Parents Forum takes place every half-term and is an opportunity for parents to meet together with the headteacher and discuss issues to do with our school. The dates for the new school year are:

Thursday 5th October 9am

Tuesday 12th December 2pm

Thursday 8th February 6pm

Tuesday 13th March 9am

Monday 6th April 2pm

Wednesday 21st June 2pm



Learning Mentor Appointed for School

Mr Ben Modeste will take up his appointment as Learning Mentor on Monday 4th September. The role of Learning Mentor covers many aspects of school, but includes Safeguarding, promotion of positive behaviour and support children and their families. He'll also be doing some football coaching. Mr Modeste spent three days in school last week getting to know the children and staff.



Keeping Children Safe

Every member of our staff is committed to the Safeguarding of our pupils. We have four Designated Senior Leaders (DSL) who have a particular responsibility for this:

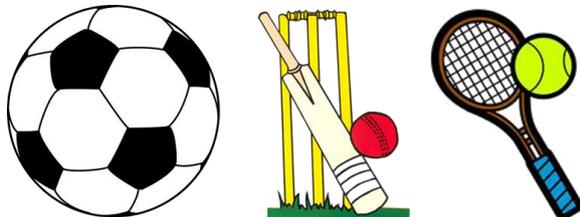
Mr Williams

Mrs Rundle

Mrs Greene

Mrs Fleming

Parents with any Safeguarding concern are strongly encouraged to speak to one of the DSLs.



Sports Premium Clubs 2017-2018

The letters have already gone out to parents with the offer of clubs for the new school year. Please return this before we break up, so that we can organise the clubs. Letters to confirm places will be sent out when we return. The clubs won't take place on the first week back at school. I'm sure many people will have read about the increase in Sports Premium funding that has been confirmed recently by the government. As soon as we are notified details of the amount that we are allocated, we will let everyone know how we will use the new funding.



Outdoor Classroom

We now have the footpath installed, along with the power supply for the classroom. We're now awaiting delivery of the classroom itself. It will be installed during the summer holidays and will be ready for the children to use as soon as they come back in September. I'd like to thank Mrs Greene and Mrs Marsh for the hard work on this project, as well as the Friends of St. Joseph's for their fundraising over the past twelve months or so.

Back to School



2017/2018 School Year

The new school year starts for the children on Wednesday 6th September at 8.45am. I'd like to encourage everyone to ensure that their child arrives in good time for the start of the school day. If your child arrives late they miss valuable learning time and may take time to settle down before they are in the right frame of mind to start learning.



School Football 2017/2018 Season

We've recently registered with the Huddersfield Schools Football Association for the new season. We'll be entering teams into the leagues for Year Five and Year Six, as well as a mixed Year Five/Six Girls team. In addition, we'll be entering tournaments for Years Four, Five and Six and girls.



School Family Mass

I'd like to encourage all our families to join us for our monthly School Family Mass in English Martyrs' Church on Saturday evenings. The children are invited to take part in the Mass as readers of scripture and Bidding Prayers, as well as carrying the Offertory Gifts to the altar. The first Mass of the new school year is on Saturday 9th September at 6.30pm. If you would like your child to participate in this or any subsequent Mass, please let me know at the beginning of the week that the Mass takes place.



School Meals and Allergies

We invite and encourage all children to have a school meal. **Kirklees Catering Service is used to producing meals for children with a variety of allergies.** Please let us know if your child has an allergy, but would like to have a school meal. If this is the case, we would have a discussion with the school Catering Manager to ensure that your child is able to have a school meal. We will work closely with parents and children to ensure that their needs are appropriately catered for at lunchtime.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



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Parents are invited to join us for coffee on the first day back of the new school year, Wednesday 6th September. This is an opportunity for existing and new parents to come into school and meet the headteacher and new Learning Mentor, Mr Modeste.



School Meal Price Increase

Kirklees Catering Service have notified us that the cost of school meals for the new school year is £2.12 per day, making a total of £10.60 per week. School meals are paid for via ParentPay. This system is also used for paying for school visits. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to start having school meals or would like further information about Parent Pay.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 6th September 8.45am Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6th September Y1 & Y2 Parent Information Meetings

Thursday 7th September Y3 6pm & Y4 6.30pm Parent Information Meetings

Saturday 9th September School Family Mass

Monday 11th September Y5 6pm & Y6 6.30pm Parent Information Meetings

Wednesday 13th September Whole School Mass

Tuesday 19th September 3.15-5pm Y1-Y3 Film Night

Wednesday 20th September Mr Whitehead's Class Mass

Friday 22nd September 2.40pm Mr Whitehead's Class Assembly

Wednesday 27th September 3.15-5pm Y5-Y6 Film Night

Wednesday 27th September Mr Fawcett's Class Mass

Friday 29th September MacMillan Coffee Morning

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