

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield

## School Bulletin -July 2021 Edition



### A Warm Welcome to Fr John Carlisle

Everyone will be aware the Fr Michael Walsh, our Parish Priest, will be retiring at the end of this week after many years of devoted service as a priest, with two periods working in our own community. I'm sure that everyone will wish Fr Mike a long and happy retirement. Bishop Marcus Stock, the Bishop of Leeds, has named Fr John Carlisle as his replacement and he will be joining the parish around the same time as Fr Mike leaves. We're very much looking forward to working with Fr John over the coming months and years and hope that his ministry among us will be a long and fruitful one. I was very pleased to welcome Fr John to our school last week to discuss our plans for the new academic year. A Liturgical Calendar will be issued at the beginning of next term.



### Farewell and Happy Retirement Mrs Crossland

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, our last day of the school year, we bid farewell to Mrs Elaine Crossland, after twenty-nine years of dedicated service to our school family. Mrs Crossland, our Lunchtime Supervisor, as well as being a 1:1 Special Needs Teaching Assistant, has helped countless children, many of whom are now parents at our school themselves, in both roles. I'd like to pass on the best wishes of everyone here at St. Joseph's, from the children, staff and governors, and our warmest wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Could your child be entitled to a  
**FREE school meal?**



### Free School Meals

We're currently sending £90 of shopping vouchers, per child, to the parents of children who are eligible for Free School Meals on income grounds. Whilst children up to and including Year 2 get a free school meal under the government's Universal Free School Meals initiative, these families can apply for FSM on income grounds and, if eligible, receive the shopping vouchers. All children on Free School Meals receive school trips free-of-charge (including the residential visits in Years Five and Six) and access to other resources and support.

Children and young people who live in Kirklees can apply for free school meals if they:

- attend full time at a local authority school or sixth form
- are under 19 years of age

and their parents or carers receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Please apply here - it takes ten minutes and you'll need both you and your partner's (if applicable) National Insurance Number or NASS (National Asylum Support Service) number:

[https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools\\_and\\_education\\_\\_\\_Apply\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education___Apply_for_free_school_meals)



### **Covid-19 Update**

We will be keeping our procedures in place until the end of term, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Everyone will be aware that there has been a huge increase in the number of infections in recent weeks and we want to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. Those who have been vaccinated can still catch Covid-19 and pass it on to others.

In terms of the new school year, when we return on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, it's difficult at this stage to make any decisions about how we'll proceed. It's likely that the government will issue further advice to schools as we approach the start date, so I plan to write to parents with an update then. This will be posted on the school website the week before we come back, with a text and link to the page to let everyone know that the letter has been posted. Thank you for your support during this year with our arrangements.



### **Support with Travel & Residence Documents**

We're very happy to help parents with things such as passport applications, visa forms and residency paperwork. We'd ask, though, that these are brought to school in good time to allow us to complete the documents and get them back to you, so that they can be submitted by the deadline, if there is one. We've helped a good number of parents in recent months, and are happy to do so, but can't always complete the forms straight away if, for example, the headteacher is out of school. If there is an urgent deadline for the forms, please speak to us, so that we can ensure that they're completed and returned on time.



### **Car Parking in and Around School**

With our current pupil numbers of 332, together with our neighbours Dalton Primary School who have around 500 children, it's inevitable that the roads will be very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. We face a number of issues, such as parking on the zig-zags in front of school and complaints from residents because cars have been left across driveways or on pavements, forcing people to walk in the road to get round them. Please could I ask that everyone parks legally and considerately. Could you share a car with another family who lives near you or maybe walk once or twice a week? Thank you for your help with this.



### Increase in School Meal Prices

We've been notified by Kirklees Catering Service that there will be an increase in the price of school meals from the start of September. The price increase is 5p per meal, so the new price per day is £2.35 per meal or £11.75 per week. Please see the section on Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible.



### Sports Premium Clubs - September 2021

I've now met with the Sports Coaches and have agreed a timetable with them for the clubs for the new school year. We'll be sharing this timetable on the school website by the end of this week. The letters that usually go out for the clubs will be sent home on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, the first day back at school, with the activities starting the following week. Places at the clubs are limited and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



### Diary Dates

**Please note that these dates are provisional on no Covid-19 restrictions being in place.**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 3.15pm School Closes for the Summer Holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - School Closed for Staff Training

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am School Opens for the New School Year

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 6pm School Family Mass in English Martyrs' Church

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am Mass for the Beginning of the School Year (Years One to Six)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm & 5.30-7pm Parent Consultation Evening

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm Parents Consultation Evening

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3.15pm School Closes for the Half-Term Holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8.45am School Opens for the New Half-Term

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