



*Archdiocese of Birmingham*

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Fiennes Road, Banbury, Oxon OX16 0ET**

Head Teacher: Ms Clare Smith

5<sup>th</sup>. September 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

It was wonderful to have the children back in school again this week. There has been a lovely buzz of excitement around the school and the classrooms have been happy, calm, purposeful places. I would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new families – I know that the children will be making their new classmates feel welcome and I hope that you will all very quickly feel that you are part of our family.

Dates for the calendar will all be published on our website [www.st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk) under the Our School and Calendar of Events buttons. Please do keep an eye on this page to stay ahead of events as they come up. Our Term Dates are also published on the site under the Our School and Term Dates buttons. Term dates are not necessarily the same as other local schools so please take note of dates on here. In particular, please note that we have an INSET day planned for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. As last year, we will also finish earlier in the summer, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. This will benefit those of you who will want to book flights/holidays as you will be able to do so ahead of the official County school holiday dates. Please note however, any holiday taken before this date or otherwise in term time, will NOT be authorized.

**Safeguarding**

I would like to remind you at this early point in the term that Mrs Hardie and I are the Designated Safeguarding Leads in the school and we should be your first port of call if you have any concerns about a child in the school.

Please remember that we must have written notification if anyone other than the usual parent/relative is going to be picking your child/ren up from school. In an emergency situation you can phone the school and leave a message with us, but otherwise we will not release children into the care of another adult unless we have had prior notification from you. I know you will understand that this is in the interests of the safety of all children and will understand that, as most children have a new teacher this year, we would like you to renew any letters of permission rather than presume that the new teacher will know your personal circumstances.

On another safeguarding note, if you arrive after 8.50 a.m. please bring your child in through the front office.

## **Uniform**

Although the children are all looking very smart at the moment, I would like to remind parents of boys that they are expected to wear a tie in KS2. These can be purchased from Cross Embroidery and must be worn at all times. This looks very smart and also prepares them for life in secondary school where this is also an expectation. Girls in KS2 may choose to wear a tie but otherwise should wear a white, reverse collar blouse.

## **PE Kit**

The area of uniform that we must improve upon is the PE kit. This is a very simple kit, requiring plain navy shorts and a white t-shirt with our school logo which can be purchased at Cross Embroidery. If it is cold the children are permitted to wear their school jumper or cardigan during PE and we are investigating making school hoodies available too for this purpose. If you wish for your child to wear jogging bottoms in cold weather, please ensure that these are NAVY. No other colour will be permitted.

It is really important for the children's sense of team and belonging that they are all dressed alike when competing in sports fixtures and therefore children will not be allowed to represent the school at sports festivals if they are not kitted out in school uniform PE kit.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will continue this year and we have already received children this week. The cost of the Breakfast Club is just £1.50 a day and is open from 08.10 a.m. so it is perfect if you need to leave earlier for work.

## **Family Assemblies**

Our family assemblies will continue to take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. The first assembly will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Please keep your eye on the school website for a full calendar of events and for updated information and news.

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's.

Yours sincerely



Clare Smith  
Headteacher