

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Term 6 4th June—20th July 2018

TERM 1 STARTS: Wednesday 5th September at 8.40am



Dear Parents & Carers,

Following our successful OFSTED inspection this time last year, we have all been buoyed up by the recognition that the whole school community received in the report that followed. There has been a wonderfully positive atmosphere in school this year and a new energy which has led to even greater success this year.

We are very pleased with our KS2 results in which 81% of the Year 6 pupils met the 'Expected' standard in Maths and 76% met the 'Expected' standard in Writing. In addition, nearly a quarter of the cohort (21%) achieved the Greater Depth standard in their Writing.

Our Phonics and Early Years results are also improved again this year and this reflects the hard work and focus that these teams have given to improving outcomes for your children. All results are published on the school website.

I am delighted that we are all staying together as a team for another year and, on the whole, teachers will remain in the same year groups that they have been teaching. There is a strong sense of stability and continuity at St Joseph's but we never allow anything to become stale or over-familiar and teachers have been planning the curriculum for your children for next year and thinking about how they can keep everything fresh. One example of this is the surprise assembly that we offered this morning for Years 3 – 5 when an archaeologist from the Vindolanda dig in Northumberland came to talk to the children about her exciting work on this project. If you are interested in finding out more please google them at vindolanda.com. We have set up an interesting new link here – watch this space!

The UKS2 performance of "Pantastic" was very enjoyable and gave, as our performances always do, an opportunity for the discovery of new talent – I am always pleasantly surprised by the number of children who suddenly come into their own in these performances and demonstrate acting, dancing or singing skills that we simply didn't know they had.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Sports Day and contributed towards our fundraising. As a community we raised over £300 to put towards the purchase of new class sets of readers for all the children.

Thank you, as well, to all of you who took the opportunity to respond to our parent survey last month. I have carried out an initial review of your responses and I intend to respond to you all in more detail in the new year so that you know how your comments will inform our planning into the future.

Please do take note of all the housekeeping notices in the newsletter in preparation for next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues at St Joseph's; I am constantly impressed by their tireless dedication to their work and by the capacity that they have for new ideas. Their professionalism, compassion and good humour make me feel incredibly proud.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5th September.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5th Sep 8.40am—Start of Term 1	Fri 19th Oct—end of term 1
Wed 19th Sep—Open Day tbc	Mon 29th Oct—start of term 2
Fri 21st Sep—Y3 Hanging Baskets workshop	Thur 8th Nov—Flu vaccinations
Wed 26th Sep— Y6 visit to St Chad’s Cathedral	Tues 27th Nov—Life bus
Fri 28th Sep—Harvest thanksgiving	Wed 28th Nov—Life bus
Tue 2nd Oct—Individual photographs	Fri 30th Nov—Christmas Activities session
Wed 3rd Oct at 6.00 pm—Y6 Learning Conversation meeting	Fri 7th Dec—Christmas Fayre
Thurs 4th Oct time TBC—Mass for feast of St Francis	Mon 17th Dec at 1.30—KS1 Nativity to Parents
Mon 8th Oct 3.30-5.30—Parents evening	Tues 18th Dec at 6.30—KS1 Nativity to Parents
Tues 9th Oct 5.00-7.30—Parents evening	Wed 19th Dec at 1.30—Christmas service
Mon 15th—Citizens of the world week	Thur 20th Dec—End of term 2

SCHOOL LUNCHES



As of September 2018 school lunches will be going up to £2.20 per day. As a school we have been subsidizing the cost of lunches for 4 years but this is no longer sustainable. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a free school meal under the government's universal free school meal scheme.

School lunches are paid via the ParentPay online system. The minimum payment will rise to £11 which is the cost of meals for one week. Your child's account must be in credit before any meals can be taken. A copy of the menu will be on the Website.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will start on Wednesday 5th September at 8.10 for children in year 1 and above. The cost per session will be £1.50.

Attendance for Term 6

Term 6	96.25
Number of lates	77
Reception	94.73
Year 1	94.90
Year 2	96.17
Year 3	98.57
Year 4	98.57
Year 5	96.30
Year 6	94.50



Class Attendance Champions

**This year's champions are Year 4.
Well Done.**



Year 2017-2018

Attendance	96.76
Number of lates	350
Reception	96.31
Year 1	96.36
Year 2	97.14
Year 3	97.39
Year 4	97.05
Year 5	96.68
Year 6	96.29

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is available to purchase from **Cross Embroidery**, Units 5 & 6 Lower Cherwell Street, Banbury, OX16 5AY

Opening Times for Cross Embroidery;

Monday- Friday - 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday - 9.30am - 1.30pm

Sunday – Closed

Not open on Bank Holidays.



EYFS and KS1 GIRLS:

Round neck sweatshirt/sweat cardigan with school logo

White polo shirt

Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers-

grey tights or knee length white socks

A blue and white checked dress can be worn in the summer term

KS2 GIRLS:

V neck sweatshirt/sweat cardigan with school logo

White, reverse collar blouse or white shirt and school tie

Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers- grey tights or knee length white socks

A blue and white checked dress can be worn in the summer term

EYFS and KS1 BOYS:

Round neck school sweatshirt with school logo

White polo shirt

Grey or charcoal trousers and Grey socks

KS2 BOYS:

V Neck sweatshirt with school logo

White collared shirt and school tie

Grey or charcoal trousers and Grey socks

Children must have black plimsolls for indoor use. Carpet slippers are not considered to be safe in school and are not permitted.

One set of small studded earrings is permitted which must be removed for physical education. No other jewelry is permitted.

Nail varnish is not permitted in school. Where worn, varnish will be removed by a member of staff.

GAMES, P.E. AND SWIMMING KIT

Reception - Year 6

T-shirt and shorts

Trainers must be worn for outdoor PE.

SWIMMING—Year 4:

Girls – One piece swimming costume, towel and swimming hat

Boys – Swimming trunks, towel and swimming hat swim shorts are not permitted.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH A PERMANENT MARKER.

The School Office will be able to supply swim caps only. Please visit Cross Embroidery for all other items. Thank you

Summer activities in the local area.

At Bradley Arcade Shops

SUMMER 2018



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23 ^d July 4pm YAT Session	24 th	25 th	26 th 11-3 Play day People's park.	27 th
30 th CLOSED	31 st CLOSED	1 st AUG 1pm Activators in PD Park.	2 nd - CLOSED	3 rd CLOSED
6 th	7 th Play scheme 1-4 (invite only)	8 th 11.30 picnic 1pm Activators in PD park.	9 th Play scheme 1-4 (invite only)	10 th 12-2 play day Hill/St Pauls
13 th 2pm until 5.30pm Vocal band, The greatest show.	14 th	15 th 11.30 Picnic 1pm Activators in PD Park	16 th 1pm Youth Action Team session (10-18)	17 th 1pm Youth Action Team Session (10-18)
20 th 11.30 picnic lunch and litter pick in PD Park.	21 st 11-3 Play day in PD Park	22 nd 1pm Activators in PD Park	23 rd CLOSED	24 th CLOSED
27 th BANK HOLIDAY	28 th	29 th 1pm Activators in PD Park. Play scheme 1-4 (invite only)	30 th Play scheme 1-4 (invite only)	31 st Play scheme 1-4 (Invite Only)
3 rd SEPT CLOSED	4 th CLOSED	5 th CLOSED	6 th CLOSED	7 th CLOSED

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