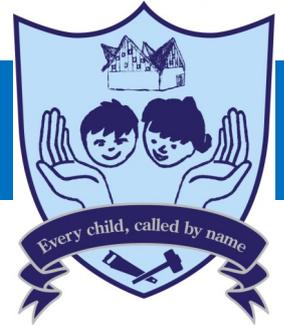


Term 6 7th June — 16th July 2021



Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

This has been a year full of challenges! As a school community we have had our share of infections but have managed to minimise the number of isolations that we have had to endure. Still, it has been a tricky year to navigate and we sincerely hope that we can begin the new academic year in September with our more usual routines and systems in place.

We are very pleased that we have at least been able to enjoy some of our usual summer activities. The children have enjoyed their sports days and we finally held the postponed World Book Day this week as well.

We were particularly pleased that we were able to organise the transition week for the children and that they were able to meet their new teachers for next year. This is so important for them at this point in the year as they begin to look ahead. It was a shame that the Year 6 transition week was cancelled but the pupils did meet with their new head of year on Teams and they enjoyed some additional transition activities organised for them by Mrs Marsh and the team.

We celebrated all the achievements of the Year 6 children during their time at St Joseph's in a very special Mass on Thursday morning and the picnic was also a great success – a new tradition that we initiated last year.

I am very proud of my colleagues at St Joseph's, and of the resilience that they have shown through what has been an exhausting year. The constant threat of infection has hung over us all year and they have been very vigilant around the 'bubbles' to ensure that children are kept safe. In particular, it was a very strange year in which to join us, and I would like to thank you for making sure that Miss Mehta and Miss Canham were made to feel at home.

We understand from the new guidance that we will be free to return to more normal routines around the school in September, which is good for the children's well-being as they enjoy playing with children from different classes. We plan to re-introduce our 'walking bus' from the Church car park and our breakfast club, as well as our family assemblies on Friday afternoons; although we will assess rates of infection in September before doing the latter.

We have not made an issue of school uniform this year as we understand that parents have had enough on their minds without being too anxious about uniform and shoes, however in September we will expect the children to be in full uniform and with proper black school shoes. It was lovely to see the younger children looking so smart in their school PE kit on their sports day this week and we will insist that the older children are wearing their navy and white PE kit next year as well. If you are buying new jogging bottoms or leggings over the summer, please buy navy ones so that we do not have children arriving in grey or multi-coloured clothing.

Please make sure that you have checked your emails for an information sheet which has been circulated and which contains lots of details about support that can be found over the summer holidays should you need it.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 2nd September.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith

Attendance

Whole Year	96%
Term 6	95.29
Reception	94.70
Year 1	93.42
Year 2	95.50
Year 3	95.46
Year 4	95.15
Year 5	96.60
Year 6	96.18



Dates for the diary

Thursday 2nd September—Start of term 1

Thursday 16th September—Year 4 commence swimming

Friday 8th October —INSET Day

Half Term—Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Monday 8th November—INSET Day

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will be starting on Monday 6th September. It is from 8.00 am and is for children from Reception to Year 6. Children are offered a choice of cereals, toast and a drink. The cost of attending the Breakfast club is £1.50 per session which is paid in advance on the Parentpay app.



If you have any questions regarding the Breakfast club please contact the school office.

Electronic Gates

During the summer holidays we are having our school gates automated. The pedestrian gate will be open at the start of the day, from 8.30 am, and then at 3.00 pm for the end of day. It will also be open to allow for morning nursery children to be collected.

Keeping in Touch

May we please stress the importance of keeping the school informed of any changes to contact details.

We are also required to have at least 2 contact names for your child in the case of an emergency.



Virtues for next term: The virtues for next term are **eloquent** and **truthful**



HORLEY

Year 5 and 6 managed to have trips to Horley this term. Year 5 went for the day a few weeks ago and we loved the experience. We saw things we knew existed but we'd never seen with our eyes before. It was a great day out because there was a range of activities and a lot of fun.

We spent lots of time in nature and laughed a lot with our friends. We explored the forest, played tag in the woods and learnt to climb trees, we also played hide and seek.

Victoria says, 'It changed my perspective of the forest, it was so inspirational! It could be anything, a camp, a hide and seek maze, the forest has so many features that we just take for granted and ignore.'

Alisha said, 'It was the best experience of my life.'



Sports day was very different this year but we still managed to have fun. We really liked it because it included teamwork and confidence not just races. Even if we lost challenges or races we still had

Year 6 arranged a 3 part sports day for Year 5 - a team games afternoon, a carousel of activities and some races.

Year 5 arranged a carousel of activities and races for Y1 - 4.

Austin said , 'I may not have my parents to see what I am doing or cheering for me but I have my friends to support me and cheering a lot for me to win. If my friends support me, I support them and that's the best at sports day!'

WHAT TO EXPECT AT SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

What will remain the same?

- All 3 gates will be opened to allow for ease of access in initial stages.
- Parents may wear face masks if they wish. We will assess infection rates in September and decide whether staff should wear masks in common/shared areas.
- UKS2 children (Yrs 5 & 6) can attend school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. They MUST wear school kit. If they do not then they will be required to change in school.
- More frequent hand-washing and hand-sanitising.
- Ventilation in classrooms.
- Staff will continue regular testing using LFD tests.

What will return to normal?

- Gates opened at 8.30 a.m. but children will gather on the playground and enter classrooms at 8.40 when the bell rings. Afternoon gates will open at 3 p.m.
- 'Walking Bus' from St Joseph's Church car park will resume on Monday 6th September.
- Breakfast Club will return from Monday 6th September.
- Following assessment of infection levels in September, Friday Family assemblies will return from Friday 10th September. Masks may be required to be worn.
- EYFS, KS1 and lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4) children will be asked to bring their kit and change for PE in school.
- EYFS & KS1 children will be required to have a pair of black plimsolls to wear indoors.
- Groups of children will not need to isolate if a classmate tests positive with Covid-19.
- Double-vaccinated members of staff will not need to isolate even if in close contact with an infected individual.
- Break and lunchtimes will revert to previous arrangements.

Academic year 2021-2022

	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
Sunday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Monday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022
Sunday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Monday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
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Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27

Bank holidays

Dec 27th
Dec 28th
Jan 3rd

April 15th and 18th
May 2nd

June 2nd and 3rd

Inset Days

Sep 1st
Oct 8th
Nov 8th
Jan 4th
Jul 21st