

St. Joseph's Newsletter

Friday 22nd September
2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been in school with the ground workers here to upgrade the Early Years playground. The children have been enthralled watching the work progress and everyone has managed to follow the safety instructions. I believe they are itching to use the space and have a go on the climbing frame though they will have to wait until next week for this. The benefit of this area is that the children will be able to access all of the outdoor learning space throughout the year and those who use the after school club will also be able to use this space. Once again, thank you to the Big Lottery for the grant to complete this work.

On Thursday, the Key Stage 2 Assembly was turned into an election as the Year 6 children battled it out for the honour of being elected as House Captains and Vice Captains. All of the children delivered their manifestos with great confidence. There were some well thought out speeches, songs, poems and posters which entertained the rest of Key Stage 2. The results were counted and I am delighted to say the children who will be the house and vice captains for this term are:

St Andrews: Benjamin and Skye

St Davids: Clara and Megan

St Georges: Scarlett and Tilly

St Patricks: Alice and Justin



A huge congratulations to all the children who conquered their nerves and put themselves forward for the role.

Congratulations to Clara in Year 6 who completed her 4th Park run at the weekend and came first in her category. It is always great to celebrate the childrens' achievements outside of school and if they are awarded any certificates or medals then we can always give these out during our Friday Assembly. It was wonderful this morning to hear of Orla K's achievements in climbing, she has been awarded a Level 1 Climbing Award.

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone about the uniform policy; we always pride ourselves on the appearance of the children at St Joseph's and aim to maintain the high standards which have been achieved during the last few years. We do expect haircuts to be tidy and not extreme and we have also requested in the past that the girls do not wear excessive accessories in their hair; they can wear simple bobbles, slides and hairbands but these should be plain. I have also noticed that a few children are wearing white PE kits instead of the red and navy that was introduced. School shoes should also be plain black – trainers are not accepted.



Next week, we are looking forward to the Sponsored walk on Friday morning and are hoping for a dry autumn morning for this – if there are any parent volunteers who would be willing to give up a couple of hours on Friday morning, please give your names to the office and we will add you to the list. Last year we managed to raise £1,500.00 which we are hoping to exceed this year. Remember, all the proceeds are used to enable us to provide enriching and exciting opportunities for all the children such as the Christmas Pantomime etc. It would be great if every family can contribute to this. The children can come to school in their own clothes on this day and footwear which is suitable for walking in – it may get muddy!

The forecast is looking good for this weekend so I hope you have an enjoyable one.

Cath Bryan

Attendance

**96.2% achieved for week ending 22nd
September 2017**

Target 95%

184 Children achieved 100% attendance.

Well done!

***Don't forget to let us know if your child is
off school for any reason via the school
absence line or on the school website.
Unless a medical appointment is supported
with official documentation it will be
recorded as an unauthorised absence.***



Nut Free Zone

Please remember St. Joseph's is a Nut Free Zone. We have some children and staff who have very severe allergies to nuts. As a result no nuts or food containing nuts should be brought to school under any circumstances.

Please check labels to make sure that there are no nuts in any items that your child brings into school or to school trips. This also applies to any chocolates your child may bring to school to distribute for their birthday.

Thank you for your support

Tummy Bug

If your child is off school with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea.

Please help us to reduce the spread of tummy bugs.

Thank you for your co-operation



Forgotten Items

We appreciate that mornings can be very hectic but please encourage your child to come to school prepared with everything they may need. The office is regularly being filled with forgotten P.E kits, musical instruments, water bottles and lunches.

The office staff are happy to pass items on to the children but are unable to disturb lessons to do so.

Please make sure hot lunch payments are handed in to the **class** no later than **8.40am each Thursday**.

Siblings should each pay in separate envelopes. If they are not separate they will be sent home and you will need to supply a packed lunch for the following week.

Late payments cannot be accepted and will be returned home with your child.

PLEASE REMEMBER LUNCH MONEY IS PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Lunch currently costs £2.30 per day and you can pay a number of weeks in advance if you wish.

To cancel your child's lunch due to sickness or trips call Shire Catering by 9.30am on the day to obtain a credit - 01905 774569



Date	Time	Event
Monday 25th September	7.30pm	PTA AGM - School
Tuesday 26th September	3.15pm	Pre-school and Reception Meeting
Wednesday 27th September	8.40am	*Rags2Riches Bag return
Thursday 28th September	6.15pm	BEO Open Evening
Friday 29th September		Sponsored Walk
Monday 2nd October		Pioneer Residential Leaves
Wednesday 4th October		Pioneer Residential Returns
Thursday 5th October		*Indian Spice Chef Visit - Year 2
		*Themed Lunch - School Favourite
Sunday 8th October	10.30am	*Harvest Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 11th October	5.00pm - 8.00pm	Late Parents Evening - Information to follow
Wednesday 18th October	3.15pm - 5.30pm	Early Parents Evening - Information to follow
Thursday 19th October		Greek Visitor - Year 6
Friday 20th October		BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 30th October		BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6th November		School Photos
Tuesday 7th November	6.30pm	Confirmation Meeting
		*Themed Lunch - Bonfire Night
Sunday 12th November		Droitwich Remembrance Service
Friday 24th November	9.00am	*Class 3 Assembly
Tuesday 28th November	7.00pm	Confirmation Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 13th December		Nativity Play - Reception and Year 1
Thursday 14th December		Nativity Play - Reception and Year 1
Monday 18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 19th December	10.30am	Nativity Mass at School
		Christmas Party Day - Information To Follow
Wednesday 20th December		Christmas Lunch - £ to follow
		BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Thursday 4th January 2018	8.40am	BACK TO SCHOOL

Themed School Lunches

Date	Theme	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Dessert
October 5th 2017	<i>School Favourite</i>	Margarita Pizza	Ham Pizza	Chicken Nuggets	Chocolate Chip Cookie
November 9th 2017	<i>Bonfire Night</i>	Hot Dogs	Vegetarian Hot Dog	Beef Burgers	Assorted Muffins
December 20th 2017	<i>Christmas Lunch £ TBC</i>	Roast Turkey	Vegetarian Special	NA	Christmas pudding Or Chocolate Cake
January 18th 2018	<i>Best of British</i>	Breaded Fish	Sausage and Gravy	Vegetable Pasty	Apple Crumble and Custard
February 8th 2018	<i>Pancakes</i>	Standard Main Menu	Standard main menu	Standard main menu	Pancakes with various toppings
March 8th 2018	<i>Spring</i>	Chicken Korma	Fish Finger Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Pasta	Pineapple Upside Down Cake or Smartie Cookies
March 29th 2018	<i>Easter</i>	Crispy Turkey Grill	Beef and Vegetable Hot Pot	Potato and Bean filled Yorkshire Pudding	Rice Krispie Cake or Cupcake
May 17th 2018	<i>School Favourite</i>	Margarita Pizza	Ham Pizza	Chicken Nuggets	Chocolate Chip Cookie
June 21st 2018	<i>It's a Goal</i>	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Breaded Fish	Tomato and Cheese Pasta	Jelly Sundae or Lemon Drizzle cake
July 5th 2018	<i>America</i>	Margarita Pizza	Sausages in BBQ Sauce	Breaded Chicken	Chocolate cake or Chocolate and Banana Mousse
July 12th 2018	<i>School Summer Holiday</i>	Sausages in BBQ Sauce	Fish Fingers	Cheese and Potato Bake	Ice bun with sprinkles or Ice-cream Tub.





Droitwich Spa Hockey Club **Junior Boys & Girls Hockey**



Interested in playing Hockey ? Why not come and try with free taster sessions ? Training is on **Wednesday evenings** Time 6.30 - 7.45pm at the **Salwarpe Valley Astro turf pitch** (behind the Leisure Centre)
Youngest players are typically aged 7 or 8 mainly due to the level of concentration and co-ordination required.

The majority of our coaches are qualified to England Hockey Level 1 or Level 2 standard. All of our coaches and assistant coaches are DBS checked and many have First Aid qualifications.

We also participate in the Worcestershire Clubs (Friendly) League, with mini-tournaments one Sunday per month through the season for the U8's, U10's, U12's and U14 age groups.

The annual membership is £40 for all U16 members, which includes all training costs. So why not bring your older brother or sister along too!

Basic Requirements are training/sports shoes, Shinpads, Gumshield (recommended) and a Stick (we have a few to borrow for new recruits)

For more information please contact either Simon Blackmore 07847 323226, or Nick Bates 07786 164161.

