



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER



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'Christ be our Light'

Autumn 2023

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What a wonderful start to the new academic year!

We have had a great start to the new academic year, it has been wonderful to see so many of our families in school at our family workshops and coffee mornings. Thank you for being so supportive and for the many good wishes we have received already this year.

Our new teachers have settled quickly into St. Joseph's school life, we welcome Mr White in Class 10, Mrs Ellis in Class 8, Miss Featherstone in Class 6 and Miss Jarvis in Class 3.

Below on page 2 of the newsletter, you will see a list of dates up to Christmas with the different events taking place in school. We want to give you as much notice as possible for these events in case you need to book time off work or rearrange appointments. Reminders of these dates will continue to be sent on the MCAS App.

As always, if you have any worries, queries or questions please speak to a member of staff on the gate or playground, or call the office to organise a telephone or face to face appointment - our door is always open.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events, Mrs Birrell

My Child at School App

Thank you to everyone who has moved over to the new MCAS App. As with all new technology there are a few implementation issues arising as we get used to this new system - we ask for your understanding and patience while we rectify any problems. In the meantime, contact the school office if you have any queries.

Nursery Places & School Open Day

Do you know any children turning 3-years-old after Christmas who would like a place in our wonderful school nursery? Please contact the school office immediately for an application form.

We have an Open Day Event on the 14th November for any families thinking about joining our Nursery and those thinking about applying for a school place for children joining Reception next year. There will be an opportunity to tour the school, see our facilities, meet the staff and ask any questions. Please let any friends and family members know about this event.

Allergies - Important Reminder

In school we have a number of children and adults with allergies and intolerances, such as nuts, eggs and peas. It is important we remain vigilant and supportive. In particular, we ask you to **not include nuts** or nut products for snacks in lunchboxes.

Joe's Zone - After School Wraparound Care

Sessions are as follows
3:15pm – 4:00pm (£3)
3:15pm – 4:45pm (£6)
3:15pm – 5:30pm (£9)
All sessions need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance via our MCAS App. We cannot make telephone bookings on the day for that evening.

Numbers Club

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Roll up, Roll up!
We are taking new members for our numbers club. Parents, relatives, staff and friends can join, please spread the word and contact the school office for more details.
Cash prizes to be won with every draw!

Family Learning

Thank you to our families who have attended our Phonic and Times Tables Workshops. We are delighted that so many of you joined in the sessions and we hope that you have found them useful. After half term our Starbooks sessions will recommence!

Please let us know if there are any school based learning workshops we can provide for you which you feel would benefit families when supporting children at home.

New Babies Alert!

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Coles on the birth of their twin girls Athena and Isla - enjoy these precious moments as a family together. God bless you all.

Dates for the Diary (Please check MCAS for reminders)

- 12th Oct** – St. Wilfrid House Mass – 9:30am
16th Oct – Welcome to EYFS Workshop for parents - 9am
EYFS and KS1 parent Rosary Workshop – 3:15pm
17th Oct – KS2 parent Rosary Workshop – 3:15pm
19th Oct – Upper KS2 Mass – 9:30am
Welcome to EYFS Workshop for parents - 5:30pm
20th Oct – PD Day – School closed for pupils
23rd Oct – 27th Oct – Half Term
30th Oct – School re-opens
FHC Preparation Session – 3:15pm
Parents Evening – Whole school
31st Oct – Nursery Gross Motor Skills Workshop 8:30am (hall)
2nd Nov – Reception Fine Motor Skills Workshop 8:40am (hall)
KS1 Mass – 9:30am
6th Nov – Class 6 Starbooks
Parents Evening – Whole school
7th Nov – Class 7 Starbooks
8th Nov – Class 8 Starbooks
9th Nov – Class 9 Starbooks
Lower KS2 Mass – 9:30am
10th Nov – Class 11 Remembrance Assembly for parents
13th Nov – Class 10 & 11 Starbooks
World Nursery Time Week
14th Nov – Class 2 Starbooks
School Open Day 9:30-11am & 3:30-5:30pm
15th Nov – Class 3 Starbooks
Flu Vaccinations in school (Reception -Year 6)
16th Nov – Class 4 Starbooks
Upper KS2 Mass – 9:30am
17th Nov – Class 5 Starbooks
Class 7 Candle Time for parents - 9:10am
20th Nov – FHC Preparation Session – 3:15pm
21st Nov – Class 8 Assembly for parents – 9:10am
22nd Nov – Individual/Sibling Photographs
23rd Nov – KS1 Mass – 9:30am
24th Nov – Baby & Toddler Photographs
27th Nov – 8th Dec – Class 6 Swimming
30th Nov – Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st Dec – PD Day – School closed for pupils
6th Dec – Active schools festival
7th Dec – Lower KS2 Mass – 9:30am
Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day
Advent Workshop
Choir to take part in the Mayor's Carol Service
8th Dec – First Year 6 London Parliament Visit
11th Dec – Nursery Singalong 10:45am & 2:45pm
13th Dec – Classes 2 & 3 Nativity 2pm
14th Dec – Upper KS2 Mass – 9:30am
15th Dec – Classes 4,5,6 & 7 Advent Liturgy 1:45pm
18th Dec – Christmas Discos (KS1 4:30 - 5:45pm & KS2 6 – 7:15pm)
19th Dec – Classes 8, 9, 10 & 11 Advent Liturgy 1:45pm
20th Dec – Pantomime in school
21st Dec – Whole School Mass – 9:30am
22nd Dec – School breaks up for Christmas holidays
8th Jan – School re-opens

Annual Consent/Indemnity Form

Thank you to all who have completed our new annual consent forms. We hope this will reduce the amount of paper correspondence needed between home and school. This consent form covers all day trips, sporting events and various outings children participate in e.g visits to the library. You will of course be informed via MCAS if your child is attending any trips out of school.

Any residential trips will require a separate consent form.

If you are yet to complete your child's form please do so as quickly as possible or contact the school office for a replacement form.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September/October

Thomas T	Albie McD
Isabelle C-H	Farli C
Madison T	Harriette M-M
Francesca K	Josie J
Renato Z	Grace R
Emily L	Madeleine K
Ruby S	Marshall F
Rowan B	Violet M
Poppy B	Bella B
Jacob H	Jocelyn D
Alice A-R	Oscar K
Isaac D	Maisie R
James T	Isabella D
Elsie R	Pheobe J
Nancy J	Matthew W
Louie H	Florence H
Ellie May F	Lennon H
Lydia C	Emily R
Lacey H	Lucy W
Alfie E	Millie R-R
Kajus B	Isabelle A
Alexander O	Charlie A
Cole W	Sam E
Nell R	Cleo W
Ivy-Mae F	Olivia B
Luna K	Jude T
Joe H	Francesca H
Keira-Leigh A	Theo J
Max J	Otis H
Charlie R	Tori I
Miriam S	Flynn L
Brooks B	