



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



APRIL NEWSLETTER 24

'Walk in the Light of Christ'

Dear parent/carer,

As we begin the Summer Term, we still await the start of the New Build. I have had a meeting this week and have been assured that it will start this term. The contractors are very ready to start, hence the clearing of the trees!

It is the final term for Year 6 in our school and we wish them every success in their transition to Secondary School. It is also my final term as headteacher at St Joseph's and I look forward to sharing with the pupils the great experiences we have organised for this term.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information provided in the newsletter, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Yours thankfully,

Sports Events

Lots of Stockton Schools Sports Partnership events are taking place this term. If your child is attending an event, you will receive a letter. HUFC, and National Elite Sports Coaching (NESC) are continuing to run after school clubs this term.

Fund Raising and Charity Work

Thank you for all the kind donations towards the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' which raised just over £500. Also thank you for donations towards the Easter Egg Raffle which raised just over £200. This term the Friends of St Joseph hold their annual Summer Fair and all money raised helps to subsidise with the costs for Year 6 Carlton Residential and Year 5 YMT Residential. Our Friends of St Joseph's group meets every Tuesday at 2.15 pm - new members are always welcome.

Attendance

The most recent monitoring (up to and including 28th March) indicates our attendance is 94.4% which is slightly lower than national. The Persistent Absence is 16.8% which is also slightly lower than national. Thank you for ensuring your child attends school.

Well done Year 3 who had the best attendance at 95.9%. Just a reminder that parents/carers must complete a leave of absence form if taking holidays during term time or a pupil is going to be absent from school for a reason other than illness. Unless the absence is an exceptional circumstance, these absences are marked as unauthorised.

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be contacted by 9.30 am every day of absence. Thank you for your support with this.

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	Y5 Taster Morning at St Michael's (Pupils to wear school PE Kit)
Wednesday 8 th May	3.30 Y5 YMT Residential Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 9 th May	5-6 pm St Michael's Information Evening for Y5 Parents and Pupils (Held in our school)
Monday 13 th May	SATs Week for Y6
Mon 20 th -Fri 24 th May Mon 3 rd -Fri 7 th June	Year 4 Swimming Fortnight-Information to follow (Half Term is in between the two weeks)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Class and Group Photographs
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May	Half Term -School Closed
Wed 5 th -Friday 7 th June	Y5 Emmaus Youth Village Residential
Saturday 8 th June	10.00 am St Thomas of Canterbury Parish First Holy Communion Mass and Celebration
Week Beg 10 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check takes place this week, please ensure pupils are in every day
Week Beg 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening takes place this week, please ensure pupils are in every day
Friday 14 th June	Non-Uniform Day Please bring Tombola/Raffle prize
Wednesday 19 th June	Summer Fair straight after school
Thursday 20 th June	St Michael's Y6 Parent Information Meeting-information to follow from St Michael's
Tuesday 25 th June	Theatre Company Performance-The Wizard of Oz-Whole School
Wednesday 26 th June	Y6 Emmaus Youth Village Festival-Information to follow
Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd July	Y6 Secondary School Transition Days
Tuesday 2 nd July	Class Swops-pupils spend the morning in their new class
Wednesday 3 rd July	10.00 am Nursery and Rec Sports 1.15 pm Y1-Y6 Sports Information to follow
Wed 3 rd and Thurs 4 th July	5.00 pm 'A Date with Disney' Performance Pupils from Y1-Y6 will perform Disney Songs Tickets will be available-Information to follow
Friday 5 th July	Reports Out
Monday 8 th July	Y5 St Michael's Feeder Schools Athletics Competition -Information to follow
Wednesday 10 th July	Y3 and 4 Trip to MIMA-Information to follow
Tuesday 16 th July	1.30 pm Mrs Whyte's Retirement Mass at Holy Rosary Church- Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 17 th July	1.30 pm Y6 Leaver's Assembly and Afternoon Tea-Y6 Parents/Carers welcome
Thursday 18 th July	9.15 am End of Year Achievement Assembly Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 19 th July	School finishes for Summer Holidays