

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



We belong to the family of St. Joseph's School. We love, live, learn and celebrate together, building God's Kingdom with Jesus, Our Lord

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Events

**9:05
Friday 29th
September 2022**

**Welcome liturgy for
our Reception
children and
introduction to the
new Children's
Leadership Team
followed by a
McMillian Coffee
Morning
All parents welcome**

**9:05
Friday 6th October
2022**

**Whole school
celebration assembly
and prayer liturgy led
by Y5/6**

**9:10
Tuesday 11th October**

**Whole school and
Parish Mass in the
school hall
All welcome**

**Friday 14th October
2022**

**Whole school
celebration assembly
and Harvest prayer
liturgy led by Y3/4**

**Friday 21st October
2022**

**PD Day
School closed to
children**

**Friday 23rd October –
Monday 31st October
2022**

Half Term Holiday

**Monday 31st October
2022**

**School reopens after
the half term**

**9:10
Tuesday 1st
November 2022**

**Whole school and
Parish Mass in the
school hall
All welcome**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a newly revitalised newsletter which we hope to send out each fortnight to help keep you up to date with all the news from our school. All families will receive this edition as a paper copy but in future it will be sent out via email. Sending out documents via email allows the school to contact you with forms and information without the need to send paper copies which in our turn helps to save paper resources. If you are having difficulties receiving emails, please ensure we have your correct email address or please contact the school office where the staff will endeavour to help you.

We have been back at school two weeks now and the children have settled into their new routines. Moving forward after a long period of parent absences from the school because of Covid restrictions we have events in school that parents are welcome to attend. You will see from the events calendar that not only will the school host a parish mass but a celebration assembly and prayerful liturgy will be held each Friday with each class taking it in turns to lead the liturgy. Next Friday we will be hosting a McMillian Coffee morning and any donations will be gratefully received.

The children are currently learning about democracy as part of their PHSC as they vote for the year group representatives our School Council, Mini Vinnies and SNAG Group which is a group that looks at nutrition and healthy eating in school. This links to our food and Packed Lunch Policy. The Year 6 children have been tasked with making a written application for posts on our newly formed Youth Leadership Team and just like in real life they will be invited to take part in an interview with myself and the chair of governors. We hope to announce the post holders on 29th September.

Thank you for your continued support for the children and staff.

Mrs D Hargreaves

Acting Headteacher

Class News – Y5/6

Y5/6 have settled well in their new class. They are extremely enjoying their class book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' which is set in WW2 and links in with their History topic 'The Home Front'. The children have enjoyed learning about gas masks, rationing and Britain's defence so far in their History Topic. In addition to enjoying History, the children also enjoy their new science topic which is The Circulatory System. So far, the children have focused on the different parts of the heart and the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. During their writing, Y6 have begun to write letters to Mrs Hargreaves to apply for House Captain and Y5 have begun to write their letters of recommendation. Keep up the good work Y5/6.

Class News – Y3/4

Year 3/4 have settled back to school and have been working hard. They have enjoyed using LEGO WeDo to build a Lego snail which they programmed to light up using their coding skills and in PE they have been learning how to throw a rugby ball with control and accuracy.

Class News – Year 1/2

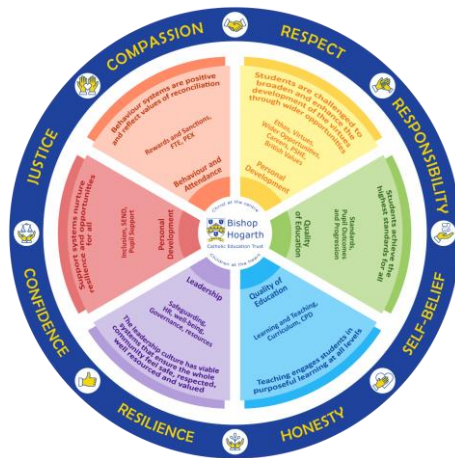
Y1/2 have had a great first 2 weeks settling back into school life! In our history lessons, we have talked about our favourite toys and looked at toys from the past. In English, we have retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood and Y2 have worked hard to add expanded noun phrases. Y1/2 are working very hard with their maths with Y1 focusing on numbers to 10 and Y2 looking at different ways to partition numbers. Everybody loved our PE session which involved using different body parts to pass a balloon to our partner. What a busy two weeks we have had!

Class news – Early Years

In Early Years this week we have been digging up our vegetables that were planted in summer term. Children have harvested carrots and courgettes so far. Our story is Goldilocks and the Three Bears, so we have been playing with porridge in bowls and talking about large, small, tiny, big, little, and we have been retelling the story. We are also learning the Nursery Rhyme 'When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears'. In Reception, we have opened 2 new areas, a Creative Workshop and Role Play Area. Children have been practising cutting skills and using lots of different resources to make and stick.

In both Nursery and Reception we have begun phonics and children have been practising activities after their lessons to learn letter sounds. In Maths we are focusing on numbers 1 and 2, and learning how to form our numbers correctly and how to hold a pencil. We have done lots of singing in the classroom and in Hymn Practise and we are learning lots of new songs and rhymes every day.

Trust Virtues



Compassion:

Respect:

Responsibility:

Self- Belief:

Honesty:

Resilience:

Confidence:

Justice:

Uniform reminders

Reminder **NO JEWELLERY** of any kind is to be worn in school. If your child is having their **ears pierced**, please make sure that this is done at the beginning of the summer holidays so the ears will have time to heal before they come back to school. Any child who had their ears pierced at the end of the holiday must have their ears covered and all earring should be removed by half term. You can appreciate that this is for health and safety reasons and is part of our school rules.

The children look so smart in their uniform so please remember that they should not wear trainers or hoodies and hair is to be tied up with sensible bobbles and hairbands.

Nail varnish and patterned or shaved hairstyles are also not acceptable and the children should not bring Lipsil or lip balm into school. You will appreciate that there are those in school with allergies.

Healthy eating

Only water should be brought to school in your child's water bottle - juice is not allowed

Birthday cakes can be brought into school but they must be individual cakes ie cupcakes, due to allergies

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The School Day

The children need to be in school by 8:55am so that they are ready and in class to start the school day by 9am. The gates to the playground are locked at 8:55am. We would ask that the children do not play on the field or equipment before school, if it has rained the children will end up being wet and muddy for the day.

You will appreciate that we have procedures in place to keep the children safe in school and as they leave the building. If you are not able to pick your child up the school needs to hold details of who is collecting the child, their details and a safe word. Please return the form that has been sent separately.

Children who attend any after school clubs will be brought out onto the playground entrance at the end of a session and not the front door for safety reasons.

Harvest Festival

On the 14th October Y3/4 will lead our Harvest Festival. We will be collecting non perishable food items such as pasta, rice, tinned items, cereal etc. which will be donated to the local foodbank. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be brought into school from the 14th October



Term Dates 2022-2023

PD Day	Monday 5th September 2022
Return to School:	Tuesday 6th September 2022
October Half Term:	Break Up – Thursday 20th October 2022
PD day	Friday 21st October 2022
	Return – Monday 31 st October 2022
PD Day	Friday 25th November 2022
Christmas Holidays:	Break Up – Tuesday 20th December 2022
	Return – Wednesday 4th January 2023
February Half Term:	Break Up - Friday 17th February 2023
	Return - Monday 27th February 2023
Easter Holidays:	Break Up – Friday 31 st March 2023
	Return – Monday 17 th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Whit Half Term:	Break Up – Friday 26 th May 2023
	Return – Monday 5th June 2023
Break up for Summer:	Thursday 20th July 2023