

23rd July 2021

In our final newsletter of the year, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the St Joseph's community; our pupils, our parents and carers, our governors, our staff and all of their families, for the support and dedication that they have given to the school in what has been a very strange and difficult year. You all should be very proud of yourselves, as we are of you!!



As we move to what we hope will be normality in September, we would like to reflect on the successes our children have had, they have all had a wonderful year, with great attitudes and abilities towards adapting to the changing requirements. Their resilience towards both remote learning and a different approach in the classrooms and around school has been fantastic, but we do look forward to being able to revert back and we're sure the children will adapt once again without any concern.

Our last day of school is Wednesday 28th July, and we wish all of our community a very happy and relaxed break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to go on the 1st September.



Farewell

Following our goodbye message last week to Miss Hoyland who has left us to start her new journey into parenthood, this week is time to say goodbye to a few other members of staff who will be leaving to us next week, please join us:

Mr Wibberley: We would like to say a heartfelt thanks and goodbye to Mr Wibberley who is starting a new adventure in September. He has been a valued member of the St Joseph's family and we would all like to wish him luck in his new role. He will be missed by adults and children alike!

Mrs Hall and Miss Reynolds: We offer our thanks to Mrs Hall and Miss Reynolds, who will also both be leaving us next week. Mrs Hall and Miss Reynolds have given us support with teaching our Year 4 pupils this year, whilst Mrs Waring has stepped up into a more senior role. Their support has been greatly appreciated and wish them all the very best with their future endeavours.

Mrs Hickman: Mrs Hickman joined us on a casual basis as a Midday Supervisor, however, with the restrictions in place this year, has been considered as a valuable, full time member of the Midday team, working across the school to support where needed. Mrs Hickman has decided to retire at the end of this academic year, and we wish her a very happy retirement.

This is not a goodbye for Mrs Tibble, this is a 'See You Soon'

Mrs Tibble will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of the academic year to move to a new position, within the Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT. Mrs Tibble has been a great asset to St Joseph's sharing her wealth of knowledge and experiences, helping to develop our pupils, staff, and our school further so that we can achieve better things. Mrs Tibble has been a great support to the school as a whole and will be missed by all. We wish Mrs Tibble every success as she moves forward, and look forward to welcoming her back when she visits as part of her new role in the Trust.
"See you Soon Mrs T"

Year 6:

We say a massive Good Luck and Good Bye to all of our Year 6's. As with our last Years, Year 6's we have not been able to say our goodbye's in a way that truly celebrates their successes and time at St Joseph's. We hope that what we have been able to do for our children, has made their last few weeks with us as enjoyable as possible, and leave them with fond memories of our school. What now feels like the end, is just the beginning of another wonderful journey, no matter where you are going or what you are doing when you leave us next week, we are and will continue to be very proud of you! Thank you for everything you have also taught us!

2021 Leavers: The Year you were Quarantined! You are Amazing! You are Unforgettable! You are Unstoppable!

Welcome Back!

A Big Welcome Back to Mrs Broad!

Following a period of Maternity Leave, Mrs Broad will be returning to her role as Head of School on Monday 26th July 2021. Mrs Waring will continue to support Mrs Broad in her position as Deputy Head of School. We are all very excited and looking forward to welcoming Mrs Broad back on Monday!



Uniform Request and Lost Property

During the last three days of term all items of lost property will be placed in the Key Stage 2 playground at the end of the school day for parents to search for any items their child may have lost. Any items not collected at the end of the last day, will either be kept by school to use as spares in classrooms, donated to charity or thrown away.

If any parents have any uniform, that they no longer require, i.e. the year 6 leavers please can we ask that you consider donating these to school. Spare Ties and clothing are always appreciated.



Dinner Money/Wrap Around Care Payments

With us now heading towards the end of the academic year, can we please remind all parents/carers ensure that any outstanding payments are cleared and that regular payments for any bookings/orders placed for the rest of this term are paid during the week that the dinners are taken or sessions are attended? Unfortunately, any outstanding monies at the end of the term, will mean that pupils, will not be able to take a school meal or attend wrap around provision in September until the outstanding payments are cleared. If you have any questions or would like any support, please speak to a member staff in the school office.



ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants)

This year Mrs. Whitton and Mrs. Bracegirdle became qualified ELSA's and have been using their skills and knowledge to provide support to our pupils with their emotionally literacy and well-being management. We would like to say a big Thank You to Mrs. Bracegirdle and Mrs. Whitton for all they have done to support our children this year. They have had great success with our pupils, working with individuals on a 1:1 basis as well as group support. Our Foundation 2 class (Owls) have recently been the first class to graduate from the ELSA group programme and have done some fantastic work together with Mrs. Bracegirdle and Mrs. Whitton. Our Year 6 class have also received group sessions to provide support in relation to their transition to secondary school and leaving St Joseph's. With the support proving to be successful with our children, we will be continuing with the programme next year and look forward to see how children develop further from the fantastic support they receive.

Transition

Today our children have spent the day in their new classes with their new teacher for September. They have all had a wonderful time, getting to know the staff they will be working with when they return next year and getting used to the different routines, especially our Foundation 1 (Nursery) children who will be moving to the main building and our Year 2's moving from KS1 to KS2.

We have also welcomed into our school, four new children who will be joining our Foundation 2 class in September. It was lovely to see these new faces and we look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Our Year 6's have also had an enjoyable day with Mrs Jordan, undertaking Forest School activities.


MEET THE TEACHER



Attendance:



Congratulations to Year 5 who achieved the highest attendance last week!

Class	% Attend
Nursery	86.0
Reception	88.1
C1	87.9
C2	91.6
C3	89.8
C4	91.2
 C5	98.1
C6	94.9
Overall	91.0

Commendations



Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

Class	Pupil
Nursery	Matthew S
Reception	McKenzie E
C1	Marius L
C2	Elias-Dean B
C3	Ava-Mae K
C4	Neve Leivers
C5	William-Jaymes B
C6	Mia-Rose G
Special commendation from Mrs Bracegirdle	Ryan Bettison

Our Whole School Attendance for 2020-2021 is 92.3%! Whilst this is lower than the national average, and lower than we would like to see, we appreciate that this has not been a "normal" year for any of our community and we appreciate the efforts you have all made to ensure your children are in school and on time.

When we return in September, our attendance procedures and requirements will return to normal, and we will be working with all families to try and encourage a minimum of 95% attendance for each pupil, along with the hope that our end of year Whole School attendance will be even higher than this.

Final Note

As a further reminder, our last day of school is Wednesday 28th July at the normal finishing times for your child's class. We wish all of our community a very happy and relaxed break. Keep Safe and we will look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to go on Wednesday 1st September 2021.

Summer blessing for our community:

*May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.*

*May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,*

but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

*Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.*

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

*May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SEPTEMBER

Reminder of details for our return to school in September

There have been a couple of changes to the timings of the school day for Nursery, please see the amended details below:

With restrictions regarding Covid-19 being relaxed between now and our return to school in September, we will also start reverting back to some normality with the planned removal of bubbles and one start and finish time for all main school pupils, however, please keep an eye on the school website/Facebook pages as things may change over the summer holidays as we will be constantly updated with Government and DFE guidance.

Start and Finish Times:

As a reminder of our usual start and finish times children should arrive and be collected at the following times.



- **Foundation 1 AM – 8.30am – 11.30am**
- **Foundation 1 PM– 12.25pm – 3.25pm**
- **Foundation 1 All Day 8.30am – 3.25pm**
- **Foundation 2 – Year 6 – 8.50am – 3.30pm**

Classroom doors will open 5 minutes before the start time, with all registers closing at 9.00am. Children arriving after this time will be reported as late.

Classroom Teachers and Support Staff:

Foundation 1 (F1)	Mrs S Jordan	Mrs C Shepherd
Foundation 2 (F2)	Miss L Beveridge	Mrs C Humphries
Year 1	Mrs C Gee	Miss R Hollis
Year 2	Mrs H Heath	Mrs H Jackson
Year 3	Miss S McLeod	Miss M Howard
Year 4	Mrs N Waring	Mrs L Kerrison & Mrs T Whitton
Year 5	Mrs A Marriott	Mrs L Henderson
Year 6	Miss L Wallis	Mrs M Richardson



Mrs. S Croucher, Miss. R Jackson and Mrs. A Hendley, will continue to provide teaching assistant support across school.

Wrap Around Care Provision

Thank you to those who completed our recent survey asking for feedback on the provision we offer. We have reviewed all the feedback received and have decided to make a few changes to the provision, which we hope will provide more opportunities to support our children. Further details of the provision has been issued to all parents through Marvellous Me today, but as a quick overview will now be offering the following provision:

- Early Birds Breakfast Club – 8.15am – 8.50am – £0.50 per day
- Breakfast Club – 7.30am – 8.50am - £2.00 per day
- After School Club (Full Session) – 3.30pm – 5.45pm - £6.00 per day
- After School Club (Half Session) – 3.30pm – 4.45pm - £2.50 per day
- After School Club (Half Session) – 4.30pm – 5.45pm - £3.50 per day
- Full Wrap Around Care – Breakfast Club 7.30am – 8.50am & After School Club 3.30pm – 5.45pm - £7.00 per day



Any parent that wishes to book their child for any of the above sessions for September, needs to complete the 2021/2022 registration. Paper copies can be collected from the office; electronic copies were sent to via Marvellous Me earlier today.