



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

15th September 2017

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Jessica Kneeshaw	Acasia Bailey Gibbs
Taya Bailey Gibbs	Charlie Edge
Jack Mariadas	Joel Beswetheric-Sau
Lizzie Harrity	Harley Jordan
Charlie Curtis	Finley Bayldon
	Kai Kneeshaw

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements out of school during Prayer and Praise.

Congratulations to **Teyla Byrne** for receiving a rosette from St. Roch Running Dogs.

Congratulations to **Leo Davis** and **Ashton Coombes** for gaining swimming awards.

Congratulations to **Imogen Voisey** for gaining her Rainbow badges.

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris, Robin Harris** and **Jessica Lambert** for achieving the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Year 6 Parents

You should have received details about how to apply online for a secondary school place for your child. You need to apply for a school place online by 31st October. If we can be of any help in the process please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hobart in the school office.

Detailed information on how to apply for your child's transfer to Secondary Education in September 2018 can be found in the news section of our website.

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I would especially like to welcome all the new children, their families and new members of staff who have started at St Joseph's this term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. I wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year.

Kelly Dunne

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website. The term dates are subject to change and I would encourage parents to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

Father Pat - St Joseph's Church

Father Pat is moving on from St Joseph's Church and there will be a celebration for him on 1st October at the Church and afterwards in the Church Hall.

A request has been made by the church for any photos of Father Pat that can be used for a presentation. If you have any photos you would like them to use, could you please hand them in to the school office by Friday 22nd September, with the details of the event, year and people in the photo written on the reverse. If you would like your photo returned please include an envelope marked clearly with your name and St Joseph's School.

Also if any children would like to do a drawing for Father Pat these would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

Parent Information

Children are encouraged to come in to the classroom from 8.45am and settle with their morning work ready for learning. Please support your child to come in to the classroom with increasing independence. The morning is a busy time in the classroom. It is not possible for teachers to meet with individual parents at length, as they need to be available to the children. You are very welcome to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher after school to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

The Preschool requests, in the interest of children's safety, that parents who do not have children in the preschool, do not walk through their setting to exit the building. All school parents should exit the building via the playground gate.

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

Please may we remind you of an important matter.

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox, you should let us know.

It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the correct school uniform. The children look wonderful: smart and tidy and a real credit to yourselves and super ambassadors for the school. All of us at St Joseph's appreciate your efforts.

We respectfully remind you that jewellery, with the exception of watches and small stud earrings, is not allowed. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

100% Attendance Awards for the Summer Term:



Scarlett Hervin
Filip Jaglowski
Jude Mann
Eliana Quainoo
Sapphire Wood
Mackenzie Baker
Ava-Marie Breslan
Cara Hanson
Kimberley Kneeshaw
Harry Leeper
Ellie McLaughlin
Lilly McLaughlin
Harry Slatter
George Yeadon
Cassey Zmuda
Paige Duval
Carla East
Ella-May Hervin
Ty Honeywill
Cormac Malone
Jack Mariadas
Kayleigh Emerson
Laurel Mann
William Stackhouse
Carmen Hanson
Chloe Leeper
Annie McKinley

Kayla Quainoo
Charles Curtis
Lillianna Freer
Hazel Mann
Mason Honeywill
Jessica Lambert
Molly Witham
Lydia Stackhouse
Declan Breslan
John Burke
Alanah East
Oliver Holt
Harry Peters
Anna Rudling
Oliver Stevens

A big well done to them on their excellent achievement and thank you to their parents for ensuring their children attend school and are punctual.

100% Attendance

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate eleven pupils on their 100% attendance (2016/17). Well done to the following children and their families .

Charles Edge
Heidi Long
Jack Slatter
Elliott Mizen
Isla-May Edge
Kian Voisey
Isaac Beswetherick-Sau
Ruby Slatter
Nathaniel Wood
Holly Emerson
Theo Delaney
Joshua Williams



Regular attendance and punctuality is crucial if children are to make good progress at school. Although we hope to improve on the 9% of pupils achieving 100% in 2016/17, it is a good improvement on the 3% in 2015/16.

Primary Writing Project

This week sees our launch of the Primary Writing Project, as we send a team of staff out to begin the process.

Over the next two years we will be working hard to improve standards in

children's writing across the school. We are joining with twelve other CAST primary schools across the Diocese to take part in "The Primary Writing Project", working together with them to develop teaching and learning for writing.



The aim of the Primary Writing Project is to motivate children and teachers as writers, deepening understanding about writing and refining skills so that children make good progress and standards are raised. The project is based on clusters of schools, with a similar interest in improving writing, working collaboratively over time. Each school has a 'project team' that meets regularly, developing and leading the project in school. Every teacher and teaching assistant will also have whole day training sessions. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you.

School Council

Children in Y1 upwards have the chance to be a member of the School Council. To stand for election pupils need to write a manifesto that:



- Introduces themselves
- Explains why they want to be a School Council Representative
- Explains why they would be a good choice for their class

Parents are welcome to help their younger children to write their manifesto, but it is important that the child wants to be a School Council Representative.

All manifestos are to be handed to **Miss Hannaford by Friday 22nd September**. Elections will be held in classes on Thursday 28th September. The new School Council will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Friday 29th September.
Late manifestos will not be accepted.

Attendance

Congratulations to the class with the highest weekly attendance:

5th-14th Sept **Oak 98.9%**



House Captains

Children in Y5 and Y6 have the chance to be stand as a House Captain.

How to become a House Captain:

Write a letter to the school staff explaining why you would like to be one. Your application can be hand written or typed and should not be any longer than one A4 page in length. Please address the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a school captain at St Joseph's School?
2. What do you think are the most important skills a leader must have and why?
3. Who is a leader that you admire and why do you admire them?
4. If you had a magic wand, what would you improve at St Joseph's Primary School?

All letters are to be handed to **Miss Warren by Friday 22nd September**. The new House Captains will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Friday 29th September.

Late letters will not be accepted.

Primary Sports

This year we have commissioned the services of 'Primary Sports' to deliver PE across the school to all classes. Mr Ashworth will be in school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He will also lead and support active play at lunchtimes and deliver after school clubs.

As a result we would like to say a very big **thank you** to **Kate Atkinson** for all her hard work, dedication and commitment in running the Netball club at the school over the years.

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise is a whole school **act of worship that includes our daily liturgy and the presentation** of weekly awards to the children. All parents, family and parishioners are most welcome. Prayer and Praise is on a Friday morning at 9.15am and lasts for about half an hour.



Democracy

At the moment the children are all preparing to vote for the two class representatives on the School Council. Those wanting to stand for election have to prepare an 'election speech' to present to their class. The School Council plays an active role in interviewing for new staff and helping the leadership team make decisions about changes and improvements.

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 29th September 2017.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

School Clubs

Letters for clubs are starting to be sent out. I advise that you sign up quickly if your child wants a place. Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time, the adult responsible and the start date for the club.

Monday	Maths Games (4.30pm) Mrs Sharman Starts 18th September
Tuesday	KS1 Multi Skills (4.15pm) Mr Ashworth Starts 19th September
Thursday	Mindfulness Y1+ (4.30pm) Miss Lintern Starts 21st September Homework Y5,6 (4.30 pm) Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson Starts 21st September
	KS2 Netball (4.30pm) Mr Ashworth Starts 21st September
Friday	KS1 Football (4.15pm) Mr Ashworth Starts 22nd September



May the Lord bless us as we begin this new school year together.

May His loving presence surround us.

May we find peace and happiness in work and play.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Claire Hawkings

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg