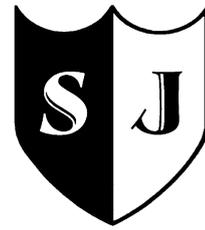


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February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Confirmation mass

It was a proud moment to be part of the Confirmation mass for the children in Year 5 and 6 who received the sacrament of Confirmation by His grace the Archbishop Bernard Longley on 10th February 2019 at 9am at St Joseph's church.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the occasion, for the children and their families, so special.

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who have been attending the recent celebration assemblies. Each week a text message will notify parents/carers if their child is to receive a certificate, on the Friday morning. If you are not able to attend on that day then a new date can be arranged. Celebrating the success of your child is a powerful experience.

Safeguarding

The designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Hinton and the deputy lead is Mrs Waller.

The recent assembly for KS2 to explain internet safety was enjoyed by all the children who were well informed of how to be safe online.

Please look at our school website for additional sites to visit on various internet safety issues.

Attendance

As a school we have a high focus on attendance and again this year we will be supported by the local authority. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

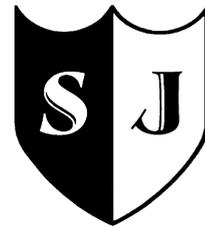
Medication

If your child requires medication to be administered then a medical form will need to be completed. In order to support your child, it is vital that school is informed about any medical needs your child may have.

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Outstanding payments

Please ensure that any monies owed to school are paid in full for school meals and any additional services provided. As a school we cannot afford to provide these for free. I am sad to announce that due to historical arrears, that the governors are in the process of using the small claims court to recoup over £1000 in debt owed to the school.

Curriculum

Parents and carers have the biggest influence on a child's learning more than anyone else and it is our aim at St Joseph's to involve as many of you in school as possible.

Many things have changed in the curriculum in recent years which are unfamiliar to parents and carers. It has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school recently to work with their child to support their learning.

The workshops for years 3/4/5/6 for Maths explained the new methods being taught using the Mastery approach.

The writing workshops for Year 1 and 2 were well supported with a project being launched to improve writing skills.

The food tasting session in Yr5 to celebrate their project on learning about the USA was well attended with the fajitas the children made a bonus.

Further workshops are planned to celebrate the work done in school.

New resources for English

New reading books have now been purchased to encourage a love for reading throughout the school. Further funds will be used in the coming months to ensure the children have a wide variety of books to read at home.

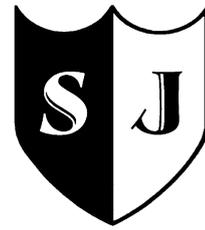
Valentines/Spring term disco

The disco for Reception/KS1 and KS2 was a resounding success. Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to support the venture especially our DJ and talented singer, parent of Mollie and Evie. The children were amazing as well as the staff. The next event planned is an Easter bonnet parade for EYFS/KS1 and an egg diorama competition for KS2 so get your creative ideas at the ready. (Please google 'Egg Diorama' for ideas)

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Many thanks for your support, in making St Josephs' a great school.

God bless

Mrs Hinton

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