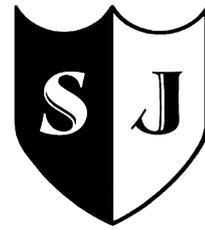


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## 'Growing in Faith, Faith in Growing'



**September 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Welcome**

It was wonderful to see all the children at the start of the new academic year and looking so smart too! Thank you for the effort in presenting them so well for school. We have so much to look forward to and hope this will continue to be a successful year for St Joseph's.

The current building work to improve the school entrance is well underway and is due to be completed after half term, thank you for being so patient during this time.

### **New parents, children.**

A warm welcome to our new children in Reception and Nursery they have settled in well. We also welcome our new parents/carers and hope that they enjoy being part of our school.

### **New staff**

Welcome to our new staff:

Nursery Mrs Zubyte

Year One Mrs Walker

Year Three Miss Pace

Year Five Mrs Bamforth

Year Six Miss Maher

We hope they enjoy being part of our school. I am also delighted that I am Acting Head Teacher. This term I am working with the governors to ensure the school continues to improve and flourish.

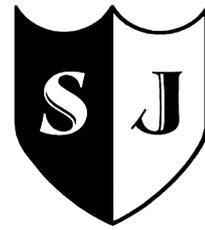
### **Catholic pupil profile**

Our new virtues for this half term are **Compassionate and Loving**. Children at St Joseph's are learning to be **Compassionate** towards others, near and far especially

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the less fortunate; and **Loving** by their just actions and forgiving words. Those children who have shown how to be **Compassionate** and **Loving** in school will receive a certificate at the Friday morning assembly.

### **Wednesday word**

Each child in KS2 will receive a copy of the Wednesday word which is a reflection on Sunday's gospel reading. Please take the time to share this with your child.

### **Confirmation/Holy communion**

Children in Year 5 and 6 who are baptised Catholics are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation by His grace the Archbishop Bernard Longley on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at St Joseph's church. A letter will be sent out soon with further details.

Children in Year 3, who will be making their first holy communion in the Summer on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 at St Joseph's church, will be contacted shortly to arrange details.

### **Masses**

Beginning next week each KS2 class will attend church for Mass on a Tuesday morning. We will also have whole school masses in the hall for years 1 to 6 every 5<sup>th</sup> week.

### **Need to see a member of staff**

If parents need to see a member of staff please arrange an appointment at the end of the day. If your need to speak to a senior member of staff then please contact the school office.

Parents evening has been arranged for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3:45-6:30pm. This meeting is to discuss how your child has settled into their new classes.

### **Safeguarding**

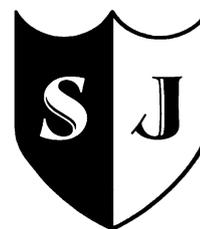
The designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Hinton and the deputy lead is Mrs Waller.

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for your child, Mrs Sheffield has organised an app to assist with this.

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### **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.

### **Breakfast club**

Our breakfast club is open each morning from 7:30 am. If you would like your child to attend then see Mrs Brown.

### **Medication**

Please ensure that if your child has a diagnosis of asthma than they will need an inhaler in school. If your child requires medication to be administered then a medical form will need to be completed.

### **Website**

Our school website is under construction. We are working hard behind the scenes to bring you a more user friendly site.

### **Homework club**

Children who wish to attend homework club can do so on a Tuesday after school. Members of staff will be available to guide and support.

### **Macmillian coffee morning**

We will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of September at 9:15 am. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully accepted.

A rather lengthy newsletter but hopefully informative.

God Bless

Mrs Hinton

**Acting Head Teacher**