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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to everyone and in particular to our new starters and their families. I hope that the summer break has rewarded you with many happy memories for you and your loved ones.

I am delighted and honoured to be the new headteacher for St Joseph's School, and I am very keen to get to know everyone in our school community. From my experience as headteacher, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. I am looking forward to finding out more about the school so that the changes we make in this new chapter of the school's history are supported by the whole school community. Parents make an important contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit. I will always try to be available on the school yard before and after school, which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership.

The start of the new academic year is perhaps one of the most exciting times in the school calendar as the children begin to look forward to the many exciting opportunities that await them. As a staff we are looking forward to carrying on the work of nurturing the very best from each and every child and to bring out that wonderful treasure that is inside to help them find the success they deserve. It is also important to make enthusiasm for learning an everyday reality as there is so much to learn and find out. School life makes it all the more important for us to keep a sharp focus on what we all come to school for - to educate your children to reach their full potential.

Our ethos statement for the week

**I believe that I am special and belong
to God**

School Mass: Thank you to all parents and parishioners who attended the school mass yesterday to mark the beginning of the school year and to induct me as headteacher. Thank you to Father Andy for saying mass and we will look forward to many more occasions like this.

New roof: You will have all noticed that we have had a new roof installed across school over the summer holidays. The reroofing is ongoing as the wet weather has prolonged the works. We do hope that all the work should be completed in the next 2 -3 weeks depending on weather. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



Staff News: We have a new member of staff in school Mrs Drake and she will be working in class Maple. Mrs Drake is covering the maternity leave for Miss Powell and she will also be covering the maternity leave for Mrs McCall after October half term.

Medicines: Any children who have prescribed medications in school should have the original packaging included.

Dinner Money: Dinner money should be paid in advance on Friday mornings. The money or cheque should be in a named sealed envelope. The cost is still **£2.05** a day / **£10.25** a week. **Cheques should be made payable to RMBC.**

Key Dates

Y3 & 4 Boys and Girls football competition at Dinnington Comprehensive after school.	Monday 18 th September
Parents Evening 2 -6pm	Wednesday 18 th October
School closes for half term	Friday 27 th October
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November
School reopens	Tuesday 7 th November
Y6 trip to the Briars	Monday 27 th -29 th November

Breakfast Club: If you wish for your child to attend the breakfast club then this needs to be booked in advance and a consent form needs to be completed. Places are limited and they cost **£1.80** a session. A breakfast including toast and cereal is provided and children will be looked after from 7:45am - 8:50 am. The last serving breakfast will be 8:15am.

After School Club: If you wish for your child to attend the after school club then this needs to be booked in advance with Mrs Cannadine or Mrs Schofield. Places are limited and they cost **£7.50** a session. A light tea is provided and children will be looked after from 3:15-5:30pm.

Stars of the Week Assembly

Stars of the Week - Friday 8th September

Reception	Lubin for setting in so well in his first week. Teddy for always making the right choices.
Birch	Keelan for making a fabulous start in Year 1. Imelda for excellent and being a great friend.
Cherry	Christie for working hard all of the time. Cruz for settling into Year 2 extremely well.
Pine	Vincent for making a brilliant start to the year. Emily for making a fantastic start at St Josephs.
Maple	Connor for showing great confidence in class. Kai for making such a positive start to the new year.
Oak	Charlie for a fantastic first week back in school. Robbie for some brilliant maths work and for stepping up to read a bidding prayer in mass.
Hero of the Dinner Hall - Charlie	
Star of the Yard - Eva	

Parish Picnic: On Sunday 17th September after 9:30 mass at St Joseph's there will be a parish picnic in the parish centenary garden. This will be a celebration in remembrance of Fr. Brian's birthday and 40 years since Fr. Brian arrived in Dinnington. There will be a shared table and all are welcome to attend.

Ciaran's Family Fun Day: On Saturday 23rd September there will be a family fun day to raise money for 10 year old Ciaran Scott who has been diagnosed with lymphoma. The fun day will be held on St Gerard's school field from 11am until 5pm. There will be inflatables, rides, a disco, games, afternoon tea, BBQ, an ice cream van as well as an auction, a 'bake off' competition and lots of fun. Please join us.

Details of the auction prizes and how to enter your best bakes into 'Ciaran's Great British Cake Off' are on 'Team Ciaran Scott' Facebook page and a leaflet will be distributed with the school newsletter next week.

**Thank you for reading this newsletter,
David Hickey**