



Autumn Term, Friday 7th September, 2018

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. 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. We are delighted to welcome Mr Shelton to our school who will be teaching year 3 and I am sure that everyone will make him feel very welcome on the start of his journey into teaching. 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.

Parish Garden Party: There official opening of the parish garden will take place this Sunday 9th September at St Joseph's Church starting at 2pm. All families and children are welcome to attend this will be a fun afternoon with cake stalls, bouncy castle and music. It will be free entry and all are welcome.



Our ethos statement for the week

God has called us and sent us to make a difference to the people we meet.

Class Open Days: There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher for a brief meeting to find out what will be happening in your child's class this year. This will also be an opportunity to find out more about expectations in the year group. All the meetings will begin at 3pm. Below are the dates for specific year groups.

Year 3 Mr Shelton Wed 12 th Sep	Year 5 Ms Atkinson Thu 13 th Sep	Year 4 Mrs Preece Mon 17 th Sep
Year 6 Mrs McCall & Mrs Powell Tue 18 th Sep	Year 1 Mrs Norton Wed 19 th Sep	Year 2 Mrs Fraser Thu 20 th Sep

Value Consultation: During our INSET Day we spent some time exploring and discussing our ethos and values. Staff chose the Values that they felt are important to them and could be fostered in school. We would like all our parents and children to have a voice on this in school and we will be sending home a reply slip asking parents to choose their top 5 values and why. Once we have collated the most popular values we will focus on one of these each month. RESPECT was the most common value chosen by staff in school and we are going to focus on this value for the month of September.



Key Dates

Parish Celebration for Garden Party	Sunday 9 th September 2pm - 4pm
Primary Stars Y1 & Y2 Club	Tuesday 11 th September 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Year 3 Open Classroom Mrs Shelton	Wednesday 12 th September 3pm - 3:30pm
Year 5 Open Classroom Ms Atkinson	Thursday 13 th September 3pm - 3:30pm
Year 4 Open Classroom Mrs Preece	Monday 17 th September 3pm - 3:30pm
Year 6 Open Classroom Mrs McCall & Mrs Powell	Tuesday 18 th September 3pm - 3:30pm
Year 1 Open Classroom Mrs Norton	Wednesday 19 th September 3pm - 3:30pm
School Mass	Wednesday 19 th September 9:30am
Year 2 Open Classroom Mrs Fraser	Thursday 20 th September 3pm - 3:30pm
Parents evening	Wednesday 24 th October
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Friday 5 th October
Break up for half term	Thursday 25 th October
INSET Day	Friday 26 th October
School reopens	Monday 5 th November

New Role: At the end of the summer term we made an internal appointment with Mrs Sellars as our Inclusion mentor in school. Mrs Sellars will have a role across the school to develop a wide range of approaches to help support children's learning, positive behaviour, attendance and wellbeing.

Y1 and Y2 Sports Club: There will be an after school multi skills sports club with Ash from Premier League Primary Stars on Tuesdays starting the 11th September. There will be a limited number of 20 places and if you would like your child to take part then please return the reply slip into school.



Premier League
Primary Stars

Macmillan Coffee Morning: There will be a Macmillan Coffee morning for parents in nursery and reception on Friday 28th September. More information about this event to follow from Ms Casson and the team.



Stars of the Week Assembly

Stars of the Week - Friday 7th September

Apples Reception	Jessica & James
Birch Year 1	Eva & Amelia
Cherry Year 2	Holly & Austeya
Ash Year 3	Joseph & Ethan
Pines Year 4	Megan & Nikodem
Maples Year 5	Skye & Callum
Oaks Year 6	Lawson & Amelia
Mr Hickey's Star of the Week Skye	

Thank you for reading this newsletter,
David Hickey