



NEWSLETTER



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Leavers' Mass

Yesterday we had our Leavers' Mass where the singing was as good as it has ever been. We ended the Mass with a ceremony where each year 6 pupil was presented with a candle. Father James asked us all to pray for the leavers, that as they move on to the next chapter in their lives they come to discover who they truly are deep within. We hope that their time at St Joseph's has played a part in that formation of who they truly are.

Sadly Father James will also be starting a new chapter in his life as he will be moving to work in the Parish of Barnstaple. He has been such a great addition to the Catholic life of our school and will be sorely missed. Father Oscar Ardila will become our new chaplain in September.

On Friday we will have the Leavers' Assembly in the morning and then finally wave the children off at the end of the day.

For those who are not leaving school will start again on **Wednesday 4th September**.

Uniform

Shops already have 'Back to School' signs up ! Please use the uniform guidance below when making your purchases, particularly when buying footwear. Please do not buy trainer style shoes that are not wholly black. Children with any kind of white markings or soles will be asked to change them.

Girls Winter <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>White blouse</i>• <i>navy skirt/pinafore dress/navy trousers</i>• <i>royal blue jumper/cardigan</i>• <i>school tie</i> Summer <i>As above or blue and white check dress royal blue jumper/cardigan</i>	PE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• navy tracksuit bottoms• navy shorts• white T-shirt• plimsolls/trainers Either black or navy shoes must be worn. Plain black trainers are allowed but not with any white or coloured markings or soles. <i>All items of clothing must be marked with child's name.</i> Jewellery The only jewellery that can be worn is a watch and single stud earrings.
Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal blue jumper• white shirt• dark grey trousers or shorts• school tie	

Parking

A neighbour of ours was very upset that his car was damaged as the result of a parent from school parking in the residents' reserved spots on Raglan Rd, directly opposite the school. Please do not park in these bays when collecting or dropping off children. If you need to bring a car at all there is a big, free car park 100m away at Brickfields. That would give you and your children a tiny bit of exercise and the chance to have a chat without the distractions of driving.

I was also informed of some parents stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines to drop off children. The lines are there for the children's safety. At another catholic school in Plymouth a boy needed brain surgery after running into the road behind a car parked on zig zag lines and being struck by a moving car whose driver did not see him. We do not want that to happen here !

Have a safe and happy summer.