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17th July 2020



Thank you - All the staff would like to say a huge thank you to children and adults at home for the unwavering dedication to their home learning this term. We know

it has been difficult and we understand it has been very unusual, but **all** children should be proud of what they have achieved this term.

Goodbye and Welcome - It's that time of year again where we say goodbye to some of our St. Joseph's family.

Year 6; you have been amazing and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching you grow into fantastic young people. Go and spread your wings and show the world what you are truly made of, we are so proud of you all. We know that the last term was not what you wanted, but we have been impressed with the mature way in which you have approached your Home Learning and the effort that you have given.

Mrs Way - gosh what a fantastic 21 years for St. Joseph's. You truly do embody the gospel values. There are no words that can express the gratitude of the children, families and staff that you have worked with over the years. You really have left your mark on St. Joseph's.



Goodbye, Good luck and God Bless to you all

Mrs Nott - we say welcome to you in your new role in the office and thank you for your hard work and dedication to your role as a TA.

Important Information

September information

All of the information you need to know about September is on the FAQ document attached, please ensure that you have read this thoroughly.

Key points

KS1 - 8.40 - 3.15

KS2 - 8.55 - 3.30

If you have children in both Key stages all of your children should follow the times of the youngest child.

Your child will need

- Coat
- PE Kit
- No stationery - we will supply what they need
- To follow hygiene expectations, handwashing etc

Points to note

- School dinners will be grab bags, at least for the first week.
- Please stick to the allotted times for drop off and pick up.
- Only one adult to collect and drop off.
- On pick up your child will be released to you as soon as we see the adult due to pick up.
- Please ensure that you leave the site as quickly as possible to avoid large gatherings.
- At drop off your child should walk straight to their new teacher who will be by the outside door of the classroom.
- Children **MUST** return in the correct school uniform.
- We will support your children to navigate the changes taking place at school. Please be aware there is an addendum to our school positive behaviour policy which addresses next steps if children are unable to follow instructions surrounding hygiene and distancing. The policy is on the school website.



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PTFA - We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Cath Rayner and Amy Pease for the way that they have maintained the positive influence of the Parent and Teacher Friends' Association on our school over the last few years. Likewise to Mrs Archer and Mrs Illing who have dedicated many hours to the PTFA cause but will no longer be acting as the treasurers for the organisation. Many thousands of pounds have been raised but equally important is the contribution to the sense of community that is so vital in a school. Cath has now moved out of the area and Amy cannot commit as much time as she has been able to in the past. During the summer please give some thought to whether you could become part of a team to organise community events and support the children of the school. When we appoint a new Parent Support Adviser in the new term we will then seek to recruit volunteers to a new PTFA team.

Summer Reading Challenge



The reading challenge this year is a virtual one. Click on the picture to find out more details. We would love to be presenting your child with their certificate in September. **Let's Get Reading!**

Summer Holiday - Over the summer holiday I think we all need a well earned break! Children, parents and staff have worked tirelessly throughout this difficult time and it's time for a rest. With this in mind please note that when school finishes on the 21st July Google Classroom, teachers' emails and the office will also be shut for 6 weeks. School reopens on 7th September 2020. If you do have an enquiry before this, please send it to the main school account and this will be answered on the 4th September.

If you need help and guidance during the six week break there are a number of services that can help you:

School Nursing - 434119

Health Visiting Team - 434008

Your Local GP

Family Support - Plymouth Gateway- 668000

These services will support a variety of scenarios and can signpost you to the help you need.



If your child has been attending school in July and develops Covid related symptoms after we break up please let Mr Gill know by email at gillb@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk. He will need to coordinate with Public Health England to begin the process of organising tracing of close contacts in case the test comes back as positive.

Dates for your Diary

7th September - Back to school for all Children

23rd October - Final day before half term break

3rd November - Back to School