



**Bishop Chadwick**  
Catholic Education Trust



Autumn Term 2023

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of our new term.

A warm welcome back to all of our children and families and its lovely to welcome some new families to our school community. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break, I know the weather here was not the best at times but I have to say talking to our children across school they all seemed to have had a fun time and enjoyed holidays or days out with families and friends which is great.

I am delighted that the children have settled in smoothly and to see our children return organised and ready for their learning and I am also so relieved that RAAC which you will all have heard about in the news was not found in St Joseph's so we have no disruptions to our building.

Please remember we do not allow our children to wear any jewellery to be worn at school for health and safety reasons. Some children did return with pierced earrings in and they were reminded that they should be removed and can be replaced with the clear spacer until the recommended six weeks from having their ears pierced.

We are look forward to announcing our Head Boy and Head Girl who will be dutifully elected following their presentation / speeches and voting on Monday the 17th of September.

### **Class Newsletters**

To ensure that our communication with all parents and carers is the best we can provide, each year group teacher will be sending out their class newsletters so you are fully aware of what your child will be up to or may need across this half term. You can expect these newsletters to be brought home by your child or emailed out to you by Friday 22nd of September.

### **Attendance Reminder**

Attendance continues to be a whole school target for every child across school. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring your child attends school. Please continue to support us in ensuring your child attends school and arrives on time. Remember all children are able to come into school at 8:45am and they very much enjoy this time sharing a book or carrying out an activity with their friends!

We do understand that children are sometimes ill, if this is the case then please ensure that you phone the office to inform them of any reason that your child is off school. When a child is absent, the office will make phone calls to all families, and if we do not get a response then we follow this up which is often a home visit.

We have had a lot of requests recently for holidays. Unfortunately, all holidays will be unauthorised as we want the children to reach their full academic ability and not miss any school. Leave of Absence may be authorised for exceptional circumstances. Forms are available from the school office.

Parents and carers are reminded that term time holidays taken without permission may result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice by the Local Authority of up to £120 per child.

Our Attendance Policy is on our website:

<https://stjosephscatholicsunderland.schacademy.durham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/11/Attendance-Policy.pdf>

## Attendance Reminder

School Term Dates and Dates for your diary:

### St Josephs RC Primary School

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/24

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## Upcoming Events

### September 2023

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	School Parliament Great Beach Clean Visit
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 5 visit to Jarrow Hall
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Event
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	My World Day and Themed lunch

### October 2023

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Online Safety Workshops for Reception to Year 6
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential Visit to Derwent Hill
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	RNLI River Safety Workshops in school for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Police visiting School – all classes
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	M&M Productions 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Pantomime in school for Reception – Year 6

### November 2023

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Residential Visit to Youth Ministry Trust
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## After School Provision

We have many new clubs operating after school ran by staff or outside agencies, these will run as follows:

Day	Club	Years
Monday	Violin	5,6
	Gymnastics	1,2,3,4,5,6
	Lego	1,2
Tuesday	Violin	3,4
	Clarinet	4,5,6
	Mixed Sports	1,2,3,4,5,6
	Knitting and Sewing	5,6
Wednesday	Football	5,6
Thursday	Art	1,2
	Prayer	3,4,5,6
Friday	Drum	4,5,6
	Guitar	4,5,6

We are also hoping to have wraparound care before and after school for our children and will keep you updated when this service becomes available.

Wishing all our families a great Autumn Term. We look forward to seeing you across the term, thank-you all for your continued support.

Mrs M.Graham  
Acting Executive Head Teacher

Mrs A.Toward  
Head of School