



Autumn Term 2021

10th September 2021

Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome

I am delighted and excited to be here as the new Headteacher of St Joseph's. Having already worked at our amazing school as Deputy Head for the past twelve years I will be very familiar to many of you. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves when I am outside if you do not know me. As I am sure you are aware, we have a wonderful, diverse community here at St Joseph's where we are always striving for the very best for all of our children – it is a truly unique school and I am honoured to be able to lead our school. I also extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families; I look forward to getting to know you all.



Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, during his time on earth, Jesus was many things to many people. He was a teacher, a healer, a leader and, to some people, simply a very good person. Peter finally realises the truth about Jesus and professes his faith in him as the Christ – the Son of the living God.

This week's Wednesday word is **Jesus**. At the beginning of this new school year let Jesus enter into our hearts and take time to pray with your children every day.

Covid

We are delighted to return to school with a lot more sense of normality. Our children no longer have to remain in their bubbles and can therefore enjoy much more freedom during playtimes and lunchtimes. How wonderful it was to see all of the children in the school hall for the first time in eighteen months earlier this week when we celebrated our Liturgical Prayer together. We are still being very careful to ensure there is not an outbreak of COVID and continue to clean the desks and sanitise regularly during the school day. We look forward to welcoming parents back into school later in the term when our classes will lead us in prayer (now known as Liturgical Prayer rather than Liturgy!) I would ask all of you to remain cautious and parents can choose whether or not to wear a mask in the yard.

Twitter

We are sorry we have had to set up a new Twitter account as our old one stopped working and no matter how hard we tried we could not restart it. Please log into the new one:

@StJosephsSR46HY



Reminders

Car parking

Please help us by not using the turning circle as a car park – it is drop off only, no waiting. Please use the church car park.

Dogs on school premises

We do not allow dogs on school premises unless they are guide dogs.



Scooters and bikes

Please do not ride on bikes or scooters anywhere in the school grounds. We do not want anybody to be hurt.

Play Equipment

Children are not to be on play equipment at the beginning or end of the school day.

Liturgical Prayer

Dates for Liturgical Prayer and Masses will follow very shortly when these have been finalised.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

Please return the Flu vaccination consent forms to school by Monday 13th September 2021. We, unfortunately, will be unable to accept any forms after this date. If you have any queries regarding the flu vaccine, please contact the school immunisation team on 0191 4028179.



Thank you

We would like to thank all of the parents for their lovely gifts and kind words at the end of the summer term. You are all extremely thoughtful and very kind, however, we all thoroughly enjoy working with your children and this is our greatest gift.

Weekend Mass Times

St. Joseph's Church: Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday Morning 9:30 am
St. Patrick's Church: Sunday 9.30am
St. Anne & Holy Family Church: Sunday 11.00am

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Headteacher

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St Josephs RC Primary School

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

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Please note that we have been advised by Bishop Chadwick Education Trust that our Jubilee date will be **Friday 22 July 2022.**