



Summer Term 2022

20th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Gospel

This week's Wednesday word is The Lord's Prayer. Try and say this prayer everyday together as a family. In the prayer we ask for God's forgiveness just like we forgive others. Is there anyone we need to forgive? Is there anyone whose forgiveness we would like today?

Year 6

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our gorgeous children in Year 6 today. It is an emotional time for both the children and staff as they are very much part of our St Joseph's family and we would love it if they could stay with us forever! We will miss them very much. They led a beautiful Liturgical Prayer yesterday and a moving Liturgical dance. As always, they were so prayerful and reverent. Thank you children. I would also like to thank Mrs Forbister and Mrs Smith for helping to prepare the children so well.

The children shared some very special memories with us of their time here at St Joseph's and know that these times will be remembered fondly for many years by both the children and staff. There was hardly a dry eye 'in the house'!

We wish all of our Year 6 children every blessing as they move onto secondary school but remember that they are always a part of the St Joseph's family. Thank you, parents, for letting us be a part of their journey through life.

End of the School Year

It has been a very busy school year and I am delighted that so many activities were able to take place for the children. It is fantastic to welcome parents back to our events at school, as we learn to live with COVID. A huge thank you to everyone for all of your continued support. I would also like to thank all of the staff and governors of the school, who as always, have done an amazing job this year.

Music

Thank you to all of our budding musicians who sang and played so well at last night's concert. We have so much talent across our school.

Thank you also to the nine children from Years 5 and 6 who represented the school at the Footsteps into Paradise Concert at Durham Cathedral last week organised by the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. The children practised in rehearsals for many hours and were extremely resilient. It was an amazing experience for all concerned. A huge well done.

SATs Results

Just in case you did not see this information on Twitter these are the SAT results which the Year 6 achieved at the end of Key Stage 2 this year. The children and staff have worked extremely hard and certainly did not let COVID get in their way! A particular thanks to Mrs Forbister and Mrs Smith who prepared them so well this year. Congratulations to our children and thank you to everyone who has played any part in the education of these children!

		Working Towards	Expected	Higher Score/Greater Depth
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	School		100%	80%
	National	19%	78%	36%
Reading	School		100%	57%
	National	23%	73%	27%
Maths	School	3%	97%	47%
	National	18%	79%	27%
Writing (Teacher Assessed)	School		100%	40%
	National		78%	20%

The National data is for 2019.

Summer Fair

We were delighted to raise £1118.00. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way but especially to Mrs Archer who played a key part in organising things behind the scenes.

Staffing

We are delighted that Miss Banks will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage during the holidays. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all of the very best for a fantastic day. She will be known as Mrs Isherwood when we return next term!

Mrs Bettinardi, one of our lunchtime supervisors, leaves us today, as she has a new job as a Classroom Assistant. We thank her for all of her work; she has been part of the St Joseph's family for a few years as she has done much of her training in different classes throughout school. We wish her well in her new ventures.

Uniform

Our school uniform is important to us and a source of pride. It costs no more than other garments and is both a unifying factor and a source of pride in St Joseph's School. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.

Nursery/Reception - Purple sweatshirt/purple cardigan, white polo shirt, book bag, grey skirts/grey trousers, purple pinafore dress, black plimsolls, black outdoor shoes. Reception also need a white PE top and black PE shorts.

Year 1 – Year 6 - Purple sweatshirts/ purple cardigans, white shirt, grey skirts/grey trousers, purple pinafore dress, ties (elasticated for Year 1 and Year 2), white PE tops, Black PE shorts, PE bag(drawstring), book bag, plimsolls, black outdoor shoes.

Items can be purchased (along with additional, non-essential items such as coats and backpacks) from Little Gems or online at:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform in September.

Parents are requested to ensure that all articles of clothing are clearly marked with their child's name. This is important because children change for P.E. and games and items of clothing are easily mislaid.

In the interests of health and safety, the Governors' policy is that **NO jewellery**, including earrings, rings or necklaces are to be worn to school. If you wish to have your child's ears pierced, the Governors advise that you arrange this to be done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that the wounds are healed in time to avoid the wearing of sleepers when the child returns to school.

Make up and nail varnish are not allowed in school and extreme haircuts are not permitted.

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

Wishing everyone all of God's blessings for a peaceful and restful summer break. We re-open to the children on Wednesday 7th September 2023.

Miss S M Brown
Headteacher

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St Josephs RC Primary School

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/23

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