



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 9th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year and a very special welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope they will settle in quickly and be very happy at St. Joseph's.

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back and I hope that you all have had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely spending time with the children and I am certain that they are going to have a fantastic year at St Joseph's.

Mission Statement

"Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life"

During the first two weeks of this term the staff and children will be thinking about what the above school mission statement means to them and how it can help them do their best at school.

They will also be revisiting the school rules and sanctions and thinking about how they can respect others and their environment.

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th September 2016 - FOSJ meeting - 6.00pm - in school

Tuesday 13th September 2016/Thursday 15th September 2016 - Year 1 'Meet the Teacher' sessions - 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Wednesday 14th September - Inspire session for Reception parents - 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 21st September 2016 - History workshops for KS2 pupils

Wednesday 21st September 2016 - 'Meet the Teacher' session for YR, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 - 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Sunday 25th September 2016 - Mass of welcome for Reception - 10.30am - in Church

Friday 30th September 2016 - Year 4 'People' class assembly - parents and carers are very welcome to join us - 9.05am

Extra Curricular Clubs and Sporting Fixtures for week beginning 12th September 2016

Monday - Rugby for Years 4, 5, 6

Tuesday - Key Stage 2 football

Please note that more extra curricular clubs will begin next week including Choir and Running

'Meet the Teacher'

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to school on the 21st September 2016 as we hold our 'Meet the Teacher' session. Please refer to separate letter (issued Thursday) for more information. **Please note this date doesn't apply to Year 1 parents.**

Mass of welcome

We are holding a special mass for children in our Reception class. The mass will take place on Sunday 25th September 2016 and will be incorporated into St. Joseph's 10.30am mass.

New Library

As you may have seen in the Leigh Journal Andy Burnham came into school at the end of last term to open our new library and St Joseph's Woodland Wonder area. From Monday, the library will be up and running and each class has a designated time slot. Every child will have the opportunity to enjoy this facility and to take home up to two books per week. We will be operating an online system and a separate letter will follow explaining how to log on and navigate around this. School reading books have also been issued today.

Uniform check

The children look magnificent and very smart in their uniforms! Thank you to all parent /carers for following school guidance. Please help by writing or sewing your child's name into all clothing, shoes and PE kits. **(Reversible jackets have a tab in the pocket on which names can be written.)** Please also ensure children bring coats as the weather can change quickly and children can be cold at playtimes.

FOSJ Bonus Ball: £25.00 Prize: Starts again next week, please send in £6.00 for the term. There are spare numbers if anyone would like one, please ask at the office.

A final thought

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only, of standing still

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Ackers

