

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! Our first day has ended and it's like we've never been away. The children came back to school looking smart in their new uniforms and ready to learn and play with their friends again. A special well done to our new pupils in Reception class who begun their 'big school' journey with Mrs Dixon and Mrs Lord. Well done pupils, parents and staff – we did it!

A few things to note:

Meet the Teacher Meetings – 3.30pm – 4pm

These important meetings are an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and understand their new timetable and year's expectations. To help as many parents as possible attend, we have arranged the time to be straight after school as you are already here to collect the children, and either myself or Mrs Dixon will watch the children in the school hall, so you do not need to consider childcare. Siblings who attend school can come to the hall, however, younger siblings (toddlers and babies) must stay with you. These meetings are only 30mins but packed with important information. Please note the date of your child's class meeting from the separate letter which has been sent out today.

<u>Year 3 Brass Music Lessons</u> – Children were measured for their instruments before the Summer holidays and lessons will begin next Tuesday 12th September in school. Exciting!

<u>PE Lessons</u> – commence this week so please remember to dress you child in their PE kit on their PE day. A Ping message sharing each class's days was sent out yesterday. As we are enjoying warm weather it may be better for them to wear shorts and t shirts rather than their tracksuit.

Twitter – Please follow Headteacher on Twitter @StJosephsLeigh

If you request to follow, please also send a quick email to school, to let us know then I can accept you. I have a few requests but if I don't recognise you, I will not accept. To safeguard our children, it is a protected account and I only accept those who I know.

School Building Fund (Levy)

Before the Summer Break, 12th July, we sent a letter requesting the £12 contribution to the Archdiocese School Building fund. If you are in a position to donate some money, we would be very grateful. To give you an idea of how we, as a school, benefit from this Levy, I thought I would share this Summer's work which has been carried out over the school holidays. Please see the before and after photographs of the KS1 (Infant toilets) which are attached. We have plans for the KS2 (Junior) girls' toilets to be refurbished later this year. We are also requesting for the area at the back of school outdoor the Reception classroom to be improved. We are very good at asking for things so feel it is only fair, we try our best to contribute to the cost of it.

Photographs

Finally, Tom Gradwell is coming into school to take children's individual photographs and sibling photographs on Monday 18th September. You will have the opportunity to view these and purchase afterwards.

Miss Daley Headteacher