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NEWSLETTER

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We pray for the soul of Mrs. Bush's mother, Mrs. Sharon Docherty R.I.P., who died during the Summer holidays.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Miss. McGonagle would like to nominate Year 6 for returning to school so well prepared. Keep it up!

A warm welcome to our new teachers Mrs. Haughton, Ms. Mowbray, Mr. Nicholson-Wisbey and Ms. Garling. These teachers have already been impressed by your support and kindness and the excellent work ethic of your children. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Huish are enjoying their secondment.

Parents Meetings – It is extremely important that each child is represented at these meetings with the Class Teacher. These meetings are designed to give information directly to the parents regarding the curriculum and other expectations for the year ahead; an opportunity for parents to hear from their child's class teacher, to 'put a face to a name' and to briefly chat to the class teacher if needs be. One of the most important factors (if not the most important) in children making the most of their potential in their schooling, is the proper interest of parents in their child's conduct and academic progress. All meetings will be held in classrooms or the school hall.

Meetings:

Tuesday 26th September –

Year 1 5.00-6.00 pm

Year 2 6.00-7.00 pm

Year 6 7.00-8.00 pm

Thursday 28th September -

Year 3 5.00-6.00 pm

Year 4 6.00-7.00 pm

Year 5 7.00-8.00 pm

Please continue to pray for all those in our school community in need of our prayers.



A warm welcome back to the beginning of a new academic year. Important diary dates will be sent home shortly. Please take time to read and take note of these. Thank you also for sending your child back to school with the correct school uniform. They look very smart.

Mrs. Ginzler-Maher

Welcome to St. Joseph's –
We welcome Jessica Nguyen (Year 3) and Daisy Nguyen (Year 4) to St. Joseph's School and hope that their time here is both happy and rewarding.

We welcome into Reception Class:
Barnaby Bell, George Brooks, Scarlett Bush, Archie Cannon, Lola Carrion, Lincoln Coster, Miles Galloway, Bobby Harvey, Leela Hills, Lewis Hobbs, Leon Humphries, Jessica Jeffery, Nathan Machiri, Teddy Martin, Madeleine McCarthy, Sienna McCarthy, Connor McCullough, Quinn Moore, Ryan Moore, Daniella Obeng, Henry Perry, Edward Reynolds, Indiana Robbins, Scarlett Tidmarsh and Mason Wakerley.
They have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

Reception Class 2017-18 - Reception Class children will start full time school from Monday 2nd October.

Jeans for Genes day - Friday 22nd September - All the children are invited to wear jeans or a denim skirt to school with their remaining uniform - shirts, blouses, ties and school footwear. Each child is asked to donate £1 to the charity which supports the 1 in 25 children in the United Kingdom who are born with a genetic disorder. The donation will support children and their families. Further information can be found on: jeansforgenesday.org. Thank you for your support.



St. Joseph's 2017 Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to the children and staff who have sent in their photographs showing them reading a book in an unusual place. Our challenge closes next Friday 15th September and will be judged by Mrs. Ginzler-Maher. Class and staff winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Education Sunday Mass 2017

Theme: 'Gathered in my Name'
This year we will be celebrating 'Education Sunday' the weekend of the 10th September 2017. Education Sunday is a day of prayer and celebration for all those involved in the world of Education, as well as a day on which to reflect upon how central to the mission of the Catholic Church has been, and continues to be, the task of education – the education of the 'whole person' so that we might 'have life and have it to the full'! In order to mark the occasion, Father Mark has requested that the school must be strongly represented at one of the following Masses on Sunday. Children to attend in School uniform. Please see the attached letter from Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP.

8.45am Holy Trinity, SWF

10.45am English Martyrs, Danbury

5.30 pm Holy Trinity, SWF

KS2 After School Clubs - run by class teachers will start week commencing Monday 25th September. A letter will go home next week.

Non-Pupil Days

Academic Year 2017-2018

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

(one more to be allocated)

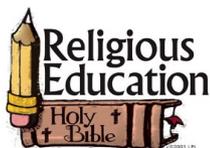


Uniform Sale

Mrs. Ellershaw will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday 14th September in the School hall at 2.30 pm.



We have some glasses in the School office that were found after the inflatable day on the last day of term. If you think they might be yours, please come in and look.



Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 10th September 2017 - Reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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