



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*"To Live Love and Learn in a Caring Christian Community"*

**NEWSLETTER NO.21**

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Dear Parents and Carers Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a great holiday as a family in the summer. Staff have returned refreshed and we were all excited to see all of our wonderful pupils yesterday.

As the school is growing into a 2 form entry school, we are reviewing what we can logistically accommodate in the school building and on the school fields. In order to improve you have to reflect and try different ways of doing things so there are a few changes in the next year.

Attached are the initial dates for the academic year so far – once Fr Carlos returns back from holiday, we will update the class masses and other events including an EYFS Christmas Celebration. The list will be updated during the school year and we will let you know via the newsletter and updates on our website.

I have attached the academic year dates again... please note that we set our own term dates which do not follow the Herts County Council published term dates on the Local Authority website. Our term dates are not the same as our local secondary schools. **Please do not assume that schools have the same holiday dates before booking any family holidays!**

Next week we will be holding our 'meet the teacher' class information sessions for parents in KS1 and KS2 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September between 15.45-16.20; Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 09.15-09.50 and again on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September between 09.15-09.50. (Reception and Nursery parents have already had this opportunity in their induction evening in July.)

Please see below for further details.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your generosity towards all of the staff and the kind words shared at the end of last term by so many of you. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you and the Church once again in the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Peter Coldwell

Headteacher

\*\*\*\*\* **KS1 & KS2 Information Sessions** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 15.45-16.20; Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 09.15-09.50; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 09.15-09.50

**Q.** Are the sessions for the parents or pupils? **A.** The sessions are for parents as an induction to the class your child is in, the routines they will be following and the expectations we will have of them. It is also a chance to meet your new teacher if you have not had that opportunity already.

**Q. Do I have to go to all three sessions?** **A.** No – you will only need to go to one session. The same session content is being repeated three times to allow parents with more than one child in KS1 and KS2 the opportunity to attend their child's session. In addition, the content will be published on the school website for any parent who is unable to attend one of the three sessions.

**Q. Why is there no session for EYFS?** **A.** EYFS parents had their induction session before the summer holiday and have regular show and share sessions throughout the year.

**Q. Is this a chance to talk about my individual child's progress with my teacher?** **A.** No - the opportunity for this will be at parent consultations on either Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Q. Do I need to book a session like parents consultations?** **A.** No - please just turn up to one of the sessions. Teachers will ask you to sign in the classroom for our records of attendance.

**If you are attending the session on: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 09.15-09.50** Please bring your child to the classroom as normal and then wait outside the classroom until the teacher brings you in at 09.15. The pupils will have had registration and then will be brought down to the Hall for assembly. The pupils will return to class at 09.50, at which point parents will need to leave the school site via the outside classroom doors.

**If you are attending the session on: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 15.45 – 16.20**

Please pick up your child as normal at the end of the school day and bring them around to the Hall doors where they will be met by staff. You will be asked to sign in your child so that we have a record of which parent is here. If you have a child in Reception or Nursery as well as in KS1 or KS2, they can also be left with the staff in the hall. Staff will look after them with a DVD until 16.20. At 16.20, please pick up your child from the hall and leave the school site via the hall doors. Unfortunately for safety we will not be able to use the playgrounds for parking.

**AS ALWAYS PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE COLLEGE DROP OFF AREA FOR ANY SESSION.**