



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

Class Organisation for September 2021

As you will be aware, the school has been expanding for the last three years in agreement with the Local Authority as we move each year closer to being 2Forms of Entry (FE) 60 pupils per intake, rather than the historic 1.5FE, 45 pupils per intake. With this come changes to the structure of our classes and the eventual phasing out of mixed aged classes. For the upcoming academic year, our first cohort of 2FE pupils will be entering Year 3 and KS2. As a result, our class structure will be:

Early Years Foundation Stage		
Nursery Morning only	Nursery Extended Day	Nursery Afternoon only
Reception Class		Reception Class
Key Stage 1		
Year 1 Class		Year 1 Class
Year 2 Class		Year 2 Class
Key Stage 2		
Year 3 Class		Year 3 Class
Year 4 Class		Year 4 Class
Year 5/6 Class	Year 5/6 Class	Year 5/6 Class

Our aim is to keep numbers in each of the classes to a maximum of 30 in total, although this may not be always possible at KS2 due to the Local Authority having to place children in schools that are full in order to give them an education.

Staff Leavers

Sadly, at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues who have served the school and our pupils with great dedication and distinction for a large number of years. We wish the following the very best for their new adventures or well-deserved retirement: Mr Doherty, Mr Jarrett, Mrs King, Mrs Mishan, Mrs Reed, Mr Mason, Mrs Temple, Mrs McManus and Mrs Whitehouse. In addition, Mrs Nicky Thomson, our school cook, will also be leaving for early retirement.

As one door closes, another opens and we have been working hard over the last term to find quality replacements for our new school team. We will be sharing details of our recruitment at the end of next week and the class your child will be in and who their class teacher will be.

Sports Day

The children showed great effort, enjoyment and support for each other during our recent Sports day. The weather was actually perfect for the flat races and the sports activities as you could tell from the photos shared on seesaw.

KS1 and KS2 Sponsored Run Friday 16th July

Accompanying this newsletter is details of our sponsored fun run, which we will be holding next Friday 16th July. This is always an enjoyable event and loved by the pupils. Pupils can come into school in their PE kits. This year the proceeds of the sponsorship is being split between the school association and the Catholic Children's Society Year of St Joseph Summer Appeal, which will be used to help local disadvantaged children and families in their time of need. More information about the work of the Catholic Children's society can be found here: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

Annual Pupil Reports

The staff have been working hard on completing your child's annual school report which will be sent out next week.

Help for Families

The following message has come from the Bishop's Stortford foodbank:

"We would like to let everyone know that the Food Bank in Bishop's Stortford is open to help any family who might find themselves struggling financially at the moment.

If anyone is experiencing food crisis, for any reason, we want to support them. We have the food, the funds and the organisation to help anyone that needs food (both fresh and non-perishable), toiletries and cleaning items.

Families simply have to contact an agency such as Citizens Advice, and ask for a referral to us. All supporting agencies can be found on our website": <https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com/how-to-get-a-voucher>

Parking

We have recently received complaints from concerned adults about inconsiderate parking. Please make sure you continue to park considerately, avoiding the zigzag lines by the pedestrian crossing.

Upcoming events

Further to the proposed changes that look even more increasingly likely from 19th July, we can now confirm the following upcoming events:

This weekend- School Association Camping

Thursday 15th July- Recording of Upper Key Stage 2 Show

Friday 16th July- EYFS Birthday Parties

Friday 16th July- KS1 and KS2 Sponsored Run

Monday 19th July- School Association 'Bring a bottle' Non Uniform Day

Monday 19th July- Year 6 Leavers Mass @ 19.00 in the school

Tuesday 20th July- School Association Summer Disco and BBQ (17.30-20.30)

Wednesday 21st July- Year 6 Leavers Activity Day

Thursday 22nd July- End of Term (Early Finish- EYFS & KS1 13.15; KS2 13.30)