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Dear Parents

At the end of a busy year we say farewell to our current year 6 pupils. We congratulate year 6 for all their hard work. We will miss them all; they have had a fantastic year and we wish them well at their new schools from September. We look forward to seeing them and hearing all about their progress in future years.

Ava-Sofia	Adam	Elliot
Felix	Isabelle	Sienna
Caitlin	Matthew	James
Anna	Logan	Abi
Nhi	Ryan	Noah
David	Phoebe	Aava
Maisie	Jesse	Henry
Hugh	Freya	Tanya
Hannah	Jessica	Emily
Robert	Sophie	Lily
Annie	Oliver	

All the staff and governors at St Joseph's wish you and your families a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September. Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

Parish Links

Y6 Confirmation

Bishop David will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to pupils in year 6 on Wednesday 16th October. Bishop David will visit school during the afternoon to speak with the Confirmandi.



Y6 SATS 2020 *** Current Y5 parents please note***

The bank holiday next May has been moved to coincide with VE Day and will move from Monday to Friday 8th May.

Please note that SATS will take place from Monday 11th May 2020 - Thursday 14th May 2020. This follows the bank holiday weekend. Please note that NO holiday must be taken during SATS week.

Term Dates 2019-2020

2019

Autumn Term

Tue 3 September
28 Oct-1 Nov
Fri 20 December

Start of Autumn Term – School Opens
Half Term
End of Term – Break up for Christmas Holidays

2020

Spring Term

Mon 6 January
17-21 February
Fri 3rd April

Start of Spring Term – School Opens
Half Term
End of Term – Break up for Easter Holidays

2020

Summer Term

Mon 20 April
Fri 8 May
25-29 May
Mon 20 July

Start of Summer Term – School Opens
May Day Bank Holiday
Half Term
End of Term – Break up for Summer Holidays

INSET Dates -

Mon 2nd September 2019
Fri 25th October 2019
Thur 13th February 2020
Fri 14th February 2020
Mon 20th July 2020

School Uniform

A reminder that summer uniform can be worn until October half term. Please note that small stud earring are all that is acceptable in school for children's safety. We would also remind you that anyone with hair resting on their shoulders needs to have all their hair tied back. Nail varnish should not be worn. Please also note that extreme haircuts including patterns and hair colour are not acceptable as part of school uniform policy. Black school shoes should be worn at all times - trainers or pumps are not acceptable footwear.



Erasable Pens

Pilot FriXion Erasable Pens.

From September pupils in years 5 & 6 will be able to use these pens in class. They are available to purchase from the school office. Pens will cost £2 each and refills £1.25 each.

Payment can be made via ParentPay. Once paid your child can collect their pen from the office.

Dates for the autumn term- Some of the dates below may be subject to change

Monday 2 nd September	INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children in school Confessions for Y4,5,6 1.30pm
Friday 6 th September	Whole class music lessons for Y1-6
Thursday 12 th September	Dance sessions for Y6 and Year 5 begin
Friday 13 th September	Swimming starts –Y3 WOW assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 16 th September	PTFA Cake sale- Y6
Friday 20 th September	Finance Governors 8am Swimming Y3 Year 5 retreat day at St Joseph's Hednesford Y4 Prayer assembly 3.30pm PTFA meeting
Monday 23 rd September	Bikeability -Y6
Tuesday 24 th September	Bikeability-Y6 9.15am - Welcome Mass led by Y6
Wednesday 25 th September	Reception new Parents Meeting 6pm
Friday 27 th September	Year 5 prayer assembly – 2.45pm
Tuesday 1 st October	PTFA Cake sale- Y2
Wednesday 2 nd October	Flu Vaccine - all classes
Friday 4 th October	Health and Safety Governors meeting 8am Swimming Year 3 WOW assembly – 2.45pm
Sunday 6 th October	Mass Our Lady of Lourdes 9.15am - commitment Mass for Year 6 and family session
Tuesday 8 th October	9.15am - Mass led by Y4 Blessed John Henry Newman
Wednesday 9 th October	Live streaming across school prayer with Archbishop Bernard
Thursday 10 th October	Year 3 parents meetings for Sacramental preparation
Friday 11 th October	Own clothes for Autumn Fair items – KS2 filled jars/ KS1 filled gift bags Y6 Prayer Assembly – 2.45pm
Sunday 13 th October-	Canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman
Wednesday 16 th October	Confirmation 7pm in Church
Friday 18 th October	Own clothes day Bottles /gift tombola WOW Assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	9.15am - Mass led by Y3 ST John Paul 11
Wednesday 23 rd October	Own clothes day - cakes
Thursday 24 th October	Autumn Fayre 3.15pm
Friday 25 th October	INSET FIRST AID - all staff full day
Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Return to school
Wednesday 6 th November	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 7 th November	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Friday 8 th November	Year 6 Reception special friends assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	9.15am Mass led by Y2 - St Martin of tours
Wednesday 13 th November	12pm - Reception class family lunches Full Governors meeting
Friday 15 th November	Y2 Topic assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 18 th November	Photos individual
Tuesday 19 th November	PTFA Cake sale- Y5
Friday 22 nd November	Own clothes day Parish Fayre items WOW Assembly – 2.45pm
Tuesday 26 th November	9.15am Mass led by Year 5- St Andrew
Thursday 28 th November	St Andrews house wear blue
Friday 29 th November	Finance and School Fund Governors meeting 8am

	Own clothes day – Chocolate items for Chocolate Bingo Y5 Topic assembly
Saturday 30 th November	Parish Christmas Fayre Y4&5 singing
Sunday 1 st December	9.15am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes – led by Year 3 commitment Mass and family session
Monday 2 nd December	Year 6 to Shugborough
Friday 6 th December	No assembly- Year 6 return from Shugborough PTFA Christmas Chocolate Bingo
Tuesday 10 th December	9.15am Christmas Mass followed by Confessions for Y4,5,6
Wednesday 11 th December	Dress rehearsal-N & R 10am Dress rehearsal-Y1 and 2 –2pm
Thursday 12 th December	Nursery and Reception nativity play - 10 am Y1 & 2 nativity play - 2pm
Friday 13 th December	Last Swimming Nursery and Reception nativity play - 10 am Y1 & 2 nativity play - 2pm No assembly
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 to New Vic KS1 to Stafford gatehouse theatre Christingle in Church 7pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Nur/Rec to Stafford Gatehouse theatre Disco Reception & KS1 6-7pm KS2 7-8.30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day for children
Friday 20 th December	No Assembly Finish for Christmas 3.15pm
Monday 6 th January 2020	Return to school



We have launched a school lottery! Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school. Draws take place every Saturday at 8pm. Our first draw will take place on Saturday 28th September - providing that enough supporters have joined. A minimum of 50 tickets are required before our first draw. Please support this new fundraiser!

To start supporting, Visit:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

And Search For:

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

Y6 Play Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our recent raffle at the year 6 play:

Anna, Elliott, Freya, Hannah, James, Abi, Isabelle

Year 3 - September 2019

Swimming

Swimming for year 3 at Burntwood Leisure Centre begins on Friday 13th September. Each Friday they will leave school at 9.30am and return at 10.50am.

Please ensure that your child has his/her swimming kit each week. Girls will require swimming hats and a reminder that no jewellery is permitted to be worn in the pool. Earrings must be removed. Boys need to wear swimming trunks rather than swimming shorts. For those children who wish to wear goggles during their swimming lesson please complete a goggle consent form. Consent forms are available from the school office. Alternatively a consent form can be sent home with your child if needed. If your child is unable to do this activity please inform their class teacher in writing.

Games

Children will need a pair of shin pads for games lessons in year 3.

You can use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for St Joseph's Hednesford PTFA with over 60 airlines! Virgin Atlantic, Flybe, Air France, Emirates, KLM, Thomas Cook Airlines, Lufthansa and many more will all donate! These are some of the biggest donations you can raise for us, so please check it out if you're planning on booking a flight!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/jIU8XmqI2T>

BIRTHDAY PARTIES here.....

Does your child have a birthday on a school day?

If so, why not book a lunchtime party!



From September we will be taking table bookings for your child and up to 10 friends to have a birthday lunch together at school.

The cost is **£30** for children in KS2 (years 3-6)

The cost is **£10** for children in KS1 (reception – year 2) as their meals are free.

Parties will take place in St Joseph's Room

There is a choice of four menus and a cookie birthday cake will be provided.

We can only accept one booking per day and require 2 weeks' notice please. Please complete a booking form available from the school office, or from the website, and return to the school office.

Space Chase

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 At Hednesford Library

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest **FREE** reading for pleasure event for children. It is run by the national charity The Reading Agency in partnership with the UK public library network.

Aim: For Children to read 6 books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays.

Target audience: Children aged 4-11

Rewards: Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

Every year there's a different theme. The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Space Chase will feature bespoke artwork from top children's illustrator, Adam Stower, and will celebrate adventure, exploration, reading and fun!

Visit your local library during the summer holidays to sign up - the sooner you go, the longer your child will have to read six books!

Staff will register your child for the Challenge and give them some fun materials to get them started.

The Challenge will launch in Hednesford Library and local Libraries on Saturday 13 July 2019.

For more information visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> or your local library.



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What else is going on at Hednesford Library in the Summer Holidays?

Hednesford Library is also running 3 'Space Crafting' sessions during the summer holidays to accompany the reading challenge. £1 per child.

For more information come to the Library or check the Friends of Hednesford Library Facebook Page.

There will also be a number of free activities for children at the library over the holidays, including:

- Find 10 Astronauts located around the Library
- Library Scavenger Hunt
- Summer Bucket List Leaflet for Children—50 fun things to do before the summer ends (low/no cost)

Join us for an out-of-this-world adventure!