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Dear Parents

### School Lottery



### "What Outstanding Work" Assembly

We congratulate the following children who were recognised at our WOW assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> September:



Class 1	Maddison	Wyatt
Class 2	Olivia	Gracie
Class 3	Corey-Jai	Luisa
Class 4	Indie	Charlee
Class 5	Kian	Jack
Class 6	Ben	Allicia

### Parish Links

We look forward to celebrating our first family Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Church. During this Mass pupils from year 6 will make their commitment for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



### Parents' Evening -

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6pm & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 4pm-7pm**

An invitation will be sent to all parents by email/text inviting you to sign up to parents' evening. This will be sent during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October. You will meet with your child's teacher in the hall and your child's work will be available in the classroom for you to look at.

If you have difficulty booking a slot, please contact the school office. Thank you



### Book Fair - Now here!

Our book fair has now arrived and you are welcome to come and view/purchase books every afternoon from the end of school until 3.45pm. The last afternoon the fair will be here is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to send money in with your child and they can purchase a book during the school day.

### Pupil Absence

Can we please remind parents/carers that following your child's absence due to illness that a written note be sent into school confirming the absence. These are required by the Education Welfare Officer when inspecting school attendance registers. Thank you.

### Mobile Phones

Please note that mobile phones are not allowed in school. This includes, for children, the playground before and after school.

### SAFEGUARDING

#### Parent Visits into School - Assemblies/Open mornings

Please note that the use of mobile phones is not permitted in school. All personal mobile phones and devices should be turned off or handed into the school office for safeguarding reasons.

### Secondary School Application Forms

A reminder to year 6 parents that application forms for admission to secondary school next September must be completed by 31 October 2019. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx> and by following the links to 'making an application'



### House Captains

We congratulate the following children on their appointment as house captain for the autumn term:

	St Andrew	Sydney	Ava
	St David	Jaiden	Olivia
	St George	Chloe	Theo
	St Patrick	Harry	Chloe



### Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours when bringing and collecting your child from school and refrain from parking and blocking their driveways. Please be aware that if there are double yellow lines on the road it is still illegal to park fully on the path adjacent to them.

### Save the date - Autumn Fayre

Our autumn fayre will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October in school from 3.15pm-5.15pm. In preparation for our main fundraiser in school we would like to remind you of the non-school uniform days that are scheduled to help with our fundraising:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** - Children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 are asked to donate gift bags filled with items to the value of £1. Children in years 3-6 are asked to donate an empty jar filled with items to the value of £1. If the filled jar could then be wrapped so the contents are a secret.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are asked to donate a bottle for the tombola (any bottle e.g. Wine, Soft drinks, etc). Children in nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 are asked to donate gifts for the gift tombola.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 are asked to donate cakes for the cake stall with children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 donating small gifts for Santa's secret stockings.

### Reception Parents Meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - 6pm

Parents of children in our Reception class are invited to join us on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in reception classroom.

During this meeting your child's teacher will introduce and explain how we teach reading and literacy skills.

We look forward to meeting with you.



### PTFA

#### Cake Sale - Year 2

The next PTFA cake sale will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Children in year 2 are asked to provide cakes on this day which will be sold at morning break at 20p each. Thank you

### Ear-rings

A reminder that it is school policy that ear-rings are removed for all PE activity including games, swimming, dance and multi sports. If your child is unable to remove their ear-rings it is suggested that ear-rings are not worn to school on a day that your child has PE of any kind. If you are unsure as to when your child participates in PE please refer to your class half termly parent overview.



The Chairperson of the school council for this year is Ben H. We congratulate Ben on his appointment.

We have a team of Eco Warriors across the school led by our Eco Team Leader Abbie in year 6.

The Eco Warriors for each class are:

Harrison Y1, Megan Y2, Zofia Y3, Nhu Y4, Hayden Y5, Chloe Y6

The team will be monitoring our school's energy usage and water usage and any areas of recycling across the school.



### **St Joseph's Pupil Post**

The pupil post is an extension of our pupil corner. Each half term our team of journalists will be emailing out to you the St Joseph's Pupil Post. This will have a range of articles sharing news from St Joseph's.

Editor-in-chief - Zoe

Copy Editors - Rose, Olivia

Reporters - Lucie, Jaiden, Theo

We look forward to seeing the first issue later this half term.



### **Safeguarding**

A reminder to all parents that the safeguarding of all of our children is priority at our school.

**Mrs Bennett is the Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs C Davies/Miss Hunwick are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads**

**Mr Andrew Williams is the link Governor for Safeguarding**

Should you have any concerns regarding safeguarding on the safety of our pupils please do not hesitate to speak to any member of school staff.

In this regard we also look to assist parents in keeping their children safe - including online safety. Please note that these will help with any information:

Staffordshire Safeguarding Board - <https://www.staffsscb.co.uk/Home.aspx>

Ceop - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

Thinkuknow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### **Y6 Bikeability - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

A reminder that year 6 pupils will need to bring their bike to school next week to participate in Bikeability. Their bikes will remain in school overnight and can be taken home Tuesday after school.

### **Open Door**

Please note if you wish to pass on a message to a teacher that your child is unable to relay to their class teacher, you are welcome to do so on the playground in a morning or after school. Should you require more time please make an appointment with the school office.

Once the class has left the playground the class teacher is unable to speak to parents as the teaching day begins straight away.