

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

As we start the new school year in earnest, I hope class-curriculum meetings have been informative and parents have had the chance to meet class teachers personally. **Please note, our Parent Teacher Consultations will be announced in October where parents and teachers can discuss children's progress to date.** We will also be holding Book Look Afternoons later this term where we invite parents to share in the celebration of their children's work. **Indeed, all parents are warmly invited to our Welcome Mass, held here at school on Tuesday 22nd September. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together to pray and to praise as a whole school community.**

Our Reception Class have their curriculum meeting on **Monday 21st September** and our Nursery Class meeting will take place in a few weeks once our youngest children have settled and become more used to their daily routines here at St. Joseph's.

Last Friday, our Year 6 children launched a non-school uniform day to raise funds for the victims of the horrific Nepal flooding. Together, children and staff raised an amazing £750! Many thanks to all. We join Pope Leo in his prayers for all the victims in this awful tragedy. **Please do see the link below should you wish to find out more information or make further donations to this worthy cause:**
(<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/flash-floods-in-nepal>)

Several pieces of legislation have been strengthened over recent months to keep children even safer at school. **Policies and practices around allergens, asthma and medical conditions have been enhanced to ensure steps are taken to try to keep children as safe as possible. Staff have been updated and undertaken necessary training.** Updated policies will be on our website very shortly. Copies of these are available from the school office. **Many thanks to parents for recent allergy and medical information. Please do keep us informed if there are any changes.**

In line with updated school uniform guidance from the DfE, we have updated the policy and highlighted those items which can be unbranded and sourced from suppliers other than Ace, our usual supplier. Please see below for specific branded items, in keeping with the updated uniform policy.

Reception and Nursery classes: green school coat and green sweatshirt.

Years 1-6: green school coat, grey school jumper or cardigan with logo and PE top and school tie.

It is incredibly important for all items of school uniform – including footwear, tops, shorts, dresses or trousers - to be clearly labelled and to comply with the uniform policy in terms of our school colours. We are incredibly proud of our uniform and how this brings us together as a community. Please do speak to Mr Bowles or myself if there are any questions. **As ever, our second-hand uniform sales continue to be popular: one will take place next Friday.** Pre-loved uniform in GOOD CONDITION should be dropped off at Mrs Dunphy's office.

Friday 25th September sees the return of our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning, here in the hall from 8:15-9:30. Please do join us for this wonderful cause. I know Florence and Natalia are still looking for volunteers and donations. Over the years, we have raised over £25,000 for this charity, a true reflection of the dedication of our school community. **Our heartfelt thanks to you all for your contributions to this wonderful whole school community event which brings so many families together in solidarity.**
Macmillan event: Friday, September 8:00-10:00am

Sign up via the volunteer form (<https://forms.gle/ia1sZr8nHwfG1yEU6>) to be added to the WhatsApp group coordinating the event. We are in NEED of donations (NUTS FREE cakes, raffle prizes, and volunteers to run the cake stand). **Cakes can be dropped on Thursday to the school office or brought on the day.**

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On Monday 21st September, Paul Stubbings (Catholic Executive Officer of the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust) will be offering some invaluable advice on secondary school transfer. His wealth of experience as Headmaster of Cardinal Vaughan in addition to his role as CEO of our Trust is sure to enlighten and guide our parents. **We look forward to welcoming parents to the school hall for a 17:30 start.**

Colleagues from the Tri Borough Music Hub have asked me to share the following:

Calling all vocalists, instrumentalists and music production aficionados!

TBMH lessons and ensembles have started!

Sign up page [here](#)

Please check your spam/junk folders as it would appear emails from the school and Arbor are ending up in here.

As I am sure many of you are aware, our whole school community raises vital funds to maintain our outstanding provision here at **St Joseph's through the sterling dedication and commitment of our dynamic and creative School Association, the SJSA. The AGM is on Tuesday 6th October at 18:00** in the school hall. I know committee members are busy preparing to meet parents on the evening and discuss the year ahead.

As we pray for the victims and families affected in Nepal, I would also ask that you continue to keep Nicolette in your prayers. Having been our dedicated School Crossing Patrol, fondly known as our Lollipop Lady, for over 13 years, I am sure that you will all have wonderful stories of her sunny disposition and genuine care for our pupils and parents as they make their way to school every morning. Nicolette has asked me to send on her sincere thanks to our school community for their thoughtful cards, flowers and gifts. Her love for our school has continued to give her strength and comfort during this difficult time. Thank you to you all.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

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MERITS AND AWARDS

NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Mia	Daniela
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Miss Lawson	Sophia	Scott
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Matthew	Raffy
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Christopher	Julia
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Didi	Risara
VIOLET 1 Miss Eason	Sophia	Joshua & Ivan
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Agathe	Charlotte

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
RECEPTION 1	97.9%	1.5%
RECEPTION 2	99.1%	0.0%
Y1 PINK 1	95.6%	0.4%
Y1/2 PINK 2	95.0%	0.9%
Y2 PINK 3	96.4%	0.4%
Y3 BLUE 1	96.8%	0.0%
Y4 BLUE 3	95.6%	1.2%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.7%	1.9%
Y6 VIOLET 3	94.5%	0.7%
Totals	96.3%	0.8%