



St Joseph's Catholic Academy







Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Families,

We would like to let you know that the DfE have been working with us to look for a long-term solution to replace the RAAC in the hall and kitchen. As such we anticipate that the hall and kitchen will be out of use until after Christmas. Fr Chris has kindly offered for us to use the Octagonal Hall for PE after half term, which will be a great resource in the colder months. We will also continue to each our lunches in classrooms — which the children have adjusted to remarkably well.

To help support the continuation of our current lunchtime arrangements, the DfE have agreed to fund the appointment of 3 additional Lunchtime Supervisors. If you are interested in this role – please do fill in the online application form. Interviews will take place in school on the afternoon of **Thursday 12**th **October.** Click here to complete the application.

Finally, this will be Mrs Parker's last week in school with us. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to her. We will miss her endless enthusiasm and positivity. We are very grateful for all that she has given to the school over the years, the fantastic sporting and Forest School opportunities that she has shared with our children. We wish her well and the best of luck in her new role as a swimming teacher. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless, Mrs Dabbs

Key dates for your diaries...

Monday 9th October and Tuesday 10th October Parents' Evenings

Thursday 12th October at 10am Harvest Mass at Our Lady of Victories

> Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October School Closed – Half Term Break

Monday 23rd October - Back to school

Our Harvest Collection

This year we will be collecting donations for the <u>Jubilee Foodbank</u> our local foodbank. Please bring your donations to school on **Thursday 12**th **October**. They urgently need:

- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Crackers
- Tinned/Jarred Hot Dogs
- Tinned Ham
- Corned Beef
- Fray Bentos Pies
- Smash / Dried Potato
- Tinned Fruit / custard
- Tinned Chicken
- Jars of Coffee



Lunch Menu for the week ahead...

Monday 9th October

Jacket potato with cheese and beans Cooked vegetables Fruit Slices / Oaty Fruit cookie

Tuesday 10th October

Chicken curry / vegetable curry and rice Cooked vegetables Fruit slices /Lemon Shortbread

Wednesday 11th October

Cheese Sandwich Vegetable crudities Fruit slices/ Toffee Crispy

Thursday 12th October

Beef bolognaise or vegetable bolognaise Pasta and cooked vegetables Fruit Slices/Chocolate Crunch Biscuits

Friday 13th October

Battered Fish or vegetable nuggets
Peas and mashed potatoes
Fruit Slices /Flapjack



Harvest Celebration Mass - Thursday 12th October at 10am

This year we would like to begin mass by gathering around our St Joseph's Statue in the playground. The School Chaplains have arranged with Fr Chris to begin mass together outside to help us to reflect and pray for our brothers and sisters who have no homes, no shelter and who do not have enough to eat.

We will then process over to Our Lady of Victories Church for the Gospel reading and the rest of our mass. We look forward to celebrating mass with many of our parents, grandparents, family and friends.