



Friday 30th August 2024

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to all our pupils as we embark on an exciting new school year at St Joseph's. It's wonderful to see our children looking so smart in their full school uniforms, ready for the adventures that lie ahead.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new Foundation pupils and their families joining our school community. We're thrilled to have you with us and look forward to watching you grow and thrive.

We would also like to invite you all to our PTFA AGM, which will be held in school on **Tuesday 17th September at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome, and there will be opportunities for all to get involved. Your support truly makes a difference to our wonderful school.

We would like to let you know that we will no longer be using Class Dojo as our platform for homework. We are working to move over to the same system that we use in school for sharing files, which is Teams. In the interim all homework will be sent home as a paper copy. Thank you for bearing with us during this transition.

We encourage our parents to communicate with teachers in the many ways that we already have in place: face to face at drop off or collection, an email or call to the Office, which will be passed on. We understand that sometimes, at different points in a child's life, they need more support, and we actively encourage open communication to enable us to offer this. Any information will be kept confidential in line with our privacy and confidentiality policies, and only shared on a strict need-to-know basis. Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration with us.

A few notices...

An invitation from the Parish to an evening of music on **Saturday 28th September**. It will be a chance for our community to come together with some members entertaining others with a variety of music and song. If you would like the chance to make a contribution, by singing or playing an instrument, please contact Stephen McGlone on 07912345352 by Thursday 5th September.

Forest School begins for Year 1 next Thursday.

If you would like a Parking Permit for The commons Car Park, please collect it from the School Office.

Finally, we are pleased to report that the building works to replace the roof in the hall and kitchen have been progressing well over the holiday. They are on track to be completed by the end of September.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**God bless,
Mrs Dabbs**

This week's attendance:

1. Year 3+5 – 100%
2. Year 1 – 98.4%
3. Year 2 – 95.8%

PE at St Joseph's

Whilst our hall is still unavailable, please would you send your children to school in their PE kits (blue t-shirt / black shorts / trainers) on this day:

Monday - Foundation and Year 5

(Foundation class from Monday the 9th of September)

Tuesday - Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday - Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4

Thursday - Year 3 and Year 4

Friday - Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6

We will update you once we have the use of our hall.

Thank you.

Moments of PRIDE...

All the staff feel so proud of the children after their first two days back in school. The children have settled so well into their new classes and have remembered everything that they need to do to:

Believe, Achieve, Succeed
Well done to all the children!



St Joseph's Catholic Academy
Our Mission

Under St. Joseph's guardianship and protection, we will be supported to achieve and succeed in the things the Lord wants us to do.

Our Promises

We live out our mission by keeping our promises:

1. Be kind
2. Work hard
3. Make the right choice



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STEPS

1. Smile
2. Thank you
3. Excuse me
4. Please
5. Sorry



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SLANT

1. Sit up
2. Listen
3. Ask and answer questions
4. Never interrupt
5. Track the speaker



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SUPER WALKING

1. Facing forward
2. Walking at a steady pace
3. In a straight line, on the left
4. Hands by your side
5. Silently



Mr Liddle is travelling to India next week in preparation for the Rickshaw Run in memory of Matthew Liddle. We send him our love and prayers and good luck to all the team. If you would still like to donate, [click here](#).