

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term - Issue 1

Core value: RESPECT

## Welcome to our New Reception Pupils

### New Reception Class 2018

Welcome to our new Reception children and their families who have started today. We particularly want to wish all our new families a special welcome, and we hope they will enjoy their time at St Joseph's School. The staff look forward to working with you.

### Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our annual parents information meetings this week for all year groups, except Reception Class

Wednesday 12th September at 8am – Year 6 (this session will include information about secondary transfer)

Thursday 13th September for Years 1 – 5

1st session at 3:10pm

2nd session at 3:45 pm (this will be a repeat)

Each class meeting lasts about 30 minutes and this year the sessions will be repeated to allow parents with siblings to attend meetings for each of their children. It is really important that at least one parent/carer can attend as the teachers can give an overview of the year and the expectations. We hope that this new format will be a success and look forward to your feedback.



### Child Protection

Through the implementation of our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy, we endeavour to ensure that all child protection issues, are dealt with efficiently and appropriately. This may include reporting to children's services, who will act on the concern.

We are legally bound, in our duty of care, to make referrals. Do let us know, for any reason, if your child is upset or distressed when s/he comes to school.

# End of Year Results

## School Test Results - July 2018

Below are the summary results of Year 6 (Key Stage 2) meeting the standard in national tests 2018:

| Reading | Writing | Mathematics | Grammar |
|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 96      | 76      | 96          | 96      |

Below are the summary results of Year 2 (Key Stage 1) meeting the standard in national tests 2018:

| Reading | Writing | Mathematics |
|---------|---------|-------------|
| 87      | 77      | 73          |

**Early Years Foundation Stage:** 80% of pupils achieved a good level of achievement.

**Key Stage 1 Phonics:** 93% achieved the expected mark in Year 1.

We are delighted with the efforts of both the pupils and teachers. They have been able to achieve well last academic year because of the great partnerships between home and school. Thank you.

## Governors

All the Governors at St Joseph's School, work very hard, voluntarily, to ensure we continue to serve the whole school community, at a consistently high level. Governors visit the school on a regular basis for a number of reasons including attending meetings, undertaking training and looking at children's learning. We are pleased to have a hard working governing body and thank **them** and look forward to working together this academic year.



## Our New Chaplain

We are delighted to introduce to our New Chaplain Deacon Garry Cullen, who will work with the school to further strengthen links between the St Joseph's Parish & School. Part of his role will include:

- **Visit school one a week (meeting parents at the start or at the end of the day and spending time with pupils during play or lunch times.)**
- **Join us on Friday for Liturgy and Celebration Assemblies.**
- **Deliver an assembly to pupils once a term.**
- **Support our RE Reps (more info to follow)**

We are excited about this new role and hope that you will support Deacon Garry in his drive to support the school.

## PTFA Support

We are grateful to the PTFA for everything they do to support St Joseph's School. As we start the new academic year we need to ensure key roles and responsibilities are in **place**. If you have some spare time and feel you want to make a difference to our school please volunteer to take up one of the following vacant roles of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Please speak to Mr Booker or the school office if you would like more info.

The PTFA AGM will be held at the school on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## Attendance & Punctuality

This information is to provide parents with a clear outline about absence procedures and the School's and Local Authority responses to poor pupil attendance. It is our duty as staff to ensure high levels of attendance across the school and where necessary take action where there are unsatisfactory reasons for absence.

Unbroken attendance at school is important for learning. However, there will be times when absence is unavoidable and acceptable.

### Types of Absence

Each absence is classed as authorised or unauthorised. Absences are coded as authorised where reasons are considered valid and unauthorised where no explanation or unacceptable reasons are given.

### Unacceptable Reasons

The following reasons are not acceptable:

- shopping visits
- care for family members
- days out to theme parks or to attend concerts/shows
- parents' work commitments or business trips
- holidays taken in term time (including long weekends taken on Fridays and/or Mondays)
- parental illness

Unauthorised absences will be referred to the Local Authority Education Welfare Service.

Parents have a responsibility to inform the school if their child is absent and provide a valid reason for the absence. We encourage parents either to ring the school (0208 460 1976) or contact us by email (admin@st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk) as early as possible **ON THE FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE**.

At the end of each term we will recognise pupils who have maintained 100% for their attendance. Children who have maintained 100% attendance at the end of the year will receive a special recognition/mention.

**Macmillan Coffee morning**

Friday ,28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

@ 8:45 am



Dates for your diary will be sent separately. It will help you to plan ahead for this term.

| Class     | Wc 03/09/18  |               |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|
|           | Attendance % | Punctuality % |
| Reception | n/a          | n/a           |
| Year 1    | 93.3%        | 100%          |
| Year 2    | 98.5%        | 100%          |
| Year 3    | 95.7%        | 98.9%         |
| Year 4    | 96.8%        | 100%          |
| Year 5    | 95%          | 98.7%         |
| Year 6    | 96.5%        | 100%          |