

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good week here this week, with a specific focus on the Gospel Value of **Courage**. We have been thinking about times when we might need courage, and the support and help that Jesus offers us.

Although I have only been here two weeks, it has come to my attention that there is room for us to let you know what is coming up in the life of St Joseph's with a little more notice. So we have been busy as a team to collate as many dates for the coming year as we can. Although several of our dates remain "TBC" we wanted to share them with you. Please note this calendar also has the dates of parents' evenings, class assemblies and opportunities for you to join us both in school and down at the church. So please find below a link to our new **St Joseph's Parents and Carers Calendar** which should start to show on our website <https://www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com/web/calendar/695846> Hopefully you will also be able to add this calendar to your own google calendar on your smart devices too.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and in school I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mrs Keeping, Miss English and Mrs Jukes are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) at St Joseph's. We appreciate your vigilance and support.

As part of getting things up and running we wanted to share with you the dates that we have so far for the coming term, which you will find below the newsletter.

Mass – The Holy Ghost Church

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers, years 2 to 6, to Mass at 2:00pm on Friday 4th October for Harvest. We would appreciate any parent helpers to help walk the children to and from Church. Please can you let reception know if you are available to help. Parents who would like their younger children to join us, are welcome to come to school and collect them at 1.40pm from class and bring them to the church. Please let the class teacher know in advance. Miss Robertson will be doing a Mass, in school, for the children in FSU and year 1 in the morning. Pupils only.

Car Parking

It has come to our attention that parking outside and in the vicinity of the school has become rather a problem.

Some are parking or dropping off in a very tight part of the road, or on the school zig-zags and this is causing difficulties for other motorists, pedestrians and our neighbours using the roads. Please may I remind you all to be courteous of where you park or drop off. Please do so carefully and legally, for the safety of the children and to avoid damage to cars.

After School Club is available until **5.45pm Monday to Thursday** and **4.30pm on Friday**. There is an option to book the 'early' club for those collecting before 4.30pm, please only use this option for Friday bookings.

Staff and Volunteer vacancies...

Here at St Joseph's we are looking to expand our team through both volunteer and staff support.

We have an exciting opportunity for someone to join our team as a class TA in KS1 from Monday to Friday from 8:50am to 12:50pm term time only. For full job description and application forms please see website https://www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com/web/job_vacancies/554626.

If you are interested in supporting us as a volunteer, please email senioradmin@stjo.uk.

PTA

Cake sale donations please, we're hoping to sell cakes at the back to school play date on **Friday 20 September**. All donations will help raise money for our school. Back to school play date, Friday 20 September, 3.30-4pm. Join us in the playground (or street if it's raining) for a cake sale, uniform sale, school ideas and guided walk through the classrooms. There will also be a trail with a little prize for the children.

Disco, Friday 18 October 5-6pm FSU and KS1, 6.15-7.15pm KS2. More information to follow. Can you help with set up, tuck shop, or tidy up? Please get in touch pta@stjo.uk

This Year's academic Attendance

Our aspiration target is **97%**

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives.

The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success! The class with the highest attendance this week is **Sycamore Class**.

Diary dates: These, and future events, can also be found on the website

23rd to 27th September – Ride or Walk to school week

27th September – Escot trip yr. 6 and Kents Cavern trip yr.3 – both live on PP. Please make payment asap.

1st October – Black History Month begins

3rd October – School Census day – details to follow

4th October – Harvest Festival – details to follow

7th October NSPCC Kindness Week begins

7th October Dogs Trust coming to school – details to follow

18th October – Disco – details to follow

21st October - Parents Evening Week – details to follow

23rd October – Yr 6 Assembly – details to follow

25th October – PTA AGM – details to follow

26th October – 4th November Half-term

6th November – Photo's – Individual and Family

Stars of the week: Oak – Frankie, Rowan – Madison, Sycamore – Ned,

Cherry – Jaime, Maple – Cobie, Willow – Evan, Beech – Shiloh.