

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all had a great first full week back with the children.

After school club and forest school

As you know, we are always trying to extend our afterschool and lunchtime clubs and I am delighted to be sharing with you that this term Mrs Owens will be offering a forest school after school club and I will send out the information nearer the time. She will also be working with us on Wednesday afternoons and her first session will be with Year 1 (Rowan class) then Year 2, Year 3 Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in their forest school clothes on the afternoon they have Forest School.

Please wear old clothes as they will get muddy and at times wet. The children will go out in all weathers so lots of layers and waterproofs are essential. The children can bring their wellies in a bag to change into for the session.

May I take this opportunity to thank Liz from Twig-lits (who previously led our Forest School Provision) for all her hard work that she has given to St Joseph's over the years.

First point of contact

Just to remind you that if you have any concerns/worries about your child/ren then please speak to (or make an appointment with) your class teacher as a first point of contact.

Parking

Just to reiterate, the message about parking. Please can you make sure that if you have to bring a car to school to drop off or collect your child/ren that you park considerately and have due regard for our neighbours. I know that every school has this problem but it is not fair on our neighbours for them to have their driveways blocked or the grass parked on. Thank you in advance for your continuing support with this very challenging and sensitive matter.

Parent consultations

It is coming up to that time again where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment as well as how well they have settled into a new year. These will commence week beginning 16th October and more information will be sent to you nearer the time.

Careers fair

We are organising another termly Careers Days for our children at St Joseph's. We know that we have a wealth of talent amongst our parents as well as a broad and diverse workforce. We would be extremely grateful if you are able to offer your services to our children at St Josephs through coming into school and talking to them about your role so that they can be inspired. We will try to match each role to our curriculum so that our children are ready for the next stage of their education. Please can you let us know if this is something that you would be interested in or if you would like to find out more about it please email admin@stjo.uk. The next Careers Day will be held on Friday 3rd November (1.30-3.30pm). More details will be sent to you nearer the time

Safeguarding – is everyone's responsibility

Just to reiterate that I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mrs Keeping is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) at St Joseph's.

Gospel Value — Courage

Sunday was Education Sunday. Through prayer and reflection, we have asked Jesus to be with us as they work, learn, pray, grow and live out their Christian mission in school. We have considered how we need courage as we may face challenges but we know we can overcome them with the love from God.

We hope you all have a restful weekend

Mrs Stephens

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 Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

Rowan and Beech

Diary dates:

W/b 16th October Parent consultations

3rd November Careers afternoon

Stars of the week: Oak class - Bella;
Rowan class – Sienna;
Sycamore class – Lily;
Cherry class – Noah;
Maple class – Evie K;
Willow Class – Quinn;
Beech class – Ellis.