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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



Month of the Rosary.

October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

Feast of all Saints - 1 NOVEMBER

The day when we celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. This feast day will be celebrated in Churches around the parishes.

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust

The 1st of October marks a new chapter for our school. Whilst for many years we have worked informally with the family of Bucks Catholic schools, our family has just got bigger.

Over the next few months we will be getting to know our new partner schools and we hope to be learning from each other.



Starting School – Reception 2022 Evening Open Event

On Wednesday 10th November between 6.00 to 8.00 pm (last entry at 7.45 pm) we will be opening the school for prospective parents applying for a Reception 2022 school place to come and look around the school.

This will be an opportunity to meet staff and governors, who will be available to answer questions and share information.

To book a place at this open event please contact the school office by email office@stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk or phone the school on 01296 484618.

Places are limited to two people per family.

SCHOOLS MASS

We would like to share some good news and a big well done. On Monday 11th October two of our Year 1 pupils attended the Diocesan Schools Mass. The children were proud to represent the school and were amazing. They carried up the gifts during the Mass and met with the Bishop afterwards. The Mass also celebrated the work of Monsignor McGinnell who is retiring this year and the work of the United Nations towards climate change.

Each school was presented with a tree to plant in the grounds as a reminder of God's Wonderful world and how we are to take care of it.



TRAFFIC SADNESS

We would like to remind all parents about the importance of driving safely and considerately on the roads near our school. Please help us to keep everyone safe on their journey to and from school.

Recently Mrs Taylor attended a Parking Forum meeting with councillors, Bucks Transport and other local Headteachers. The issues with travel and parking were discussed and an action plan is being drawn up to target key areas. This will in time be shared with parents. We will keep you updated with developments towards this.

WEAR RED FOR POPPY DAY

We will be supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year and will be selling poppies in school for a donation shortly after half term.

We are also asking the children and staff to wear red on Thursday 11th November and invite your donations to support this year's poppy appeal.

The children will also take part in a poppy seed scattering prayer session during this day with a one minute silence and prayers.



AIP MEAL ORDERS - RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

The **new Autumn 2021 hot lunch menu** will soon be available for meal orders starting from Tuesday 2nd November after the half term break. We will let you know when this menu is available.

Please continue to order school hot meals via your online ParentPay account and check your on-line account regularly to see the meals you have ordered for your child. You may wish to discuss the meals ordered with your child as some children do like to know what meal has been chosen for them.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL ADMISSIONS JUNIOR SCHOOL - YEAR 3 - SEPTEMBER 2022

Year 2 Parents must make a junior school application online for their child/ren from **3rd November 2021**. The closing date for online applications for school places for September 2022 via the primary portal is on 15th January 2022.

Junior School Applications must be submitted online via the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#). The junior school you are applying to will be able to advise what supplementary forms and additional evidence they will require.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL ADMISSIONS STARTING SCHOOL – RECEPTION CLASS - SEPTEMBER 2022

Parents of children born between 01/09/2017 - 31/08/2018 must make an online school application for their child/ren from **3rd November 2021**.

The closing date for online applications for school places in Reception for September 2022 via the primary portal is on 15th January 2022.

Applications must be submitted online via the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#).

If you are applying on faith grounds, please submit a completed Supplementary Form for Bucks Catholic Schools, along with your child's Baptismal certificate. These faith documents should be submitted via the school office to support your application.

If you need further information regarding the admission process please see the Bucks Council website www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk or contact the school office.

OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH



It has been good to see so many children taking part in the WoW (Walk once a Week) school scheme this month. The children in school enjoy logging their journeys on the interactive Wow Travel Tracker in class. They are also very excited to see which class will receive the WoW competition trophy each week during this month. Enjoy walking, scooting, cycling and park & stride on your journey to school!

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS (Reception, Year 1, Year 2)

On Tuesday 9th November, JS Photography will be visiting our school to take individual photographs. Photographs will be available to order online - more details to follow.

There will be an option for siblings in School to be photographed together.

St Joseph's Guardians



This is our School and Eco Council. Representatives from each class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have been appointed and will meet regularly every half term, sharing ideas and issues with the school staff. They also share issues that have been raised by their classmates and work with the staff to find solutions.

Parents Consultation Evenings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Parents Evenings this term will be a pre-booked telephone call appointment with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress.

Parents Evening appointments will take place in the week commencing 18th October.

Slots are now available to book via ParentMail and we ask you to provide the phone number you wish us to call on when booking the appointment.



Macmillan Cancer Support



Wear Something Green Mufti day

A big thank you to everyone for supporting this event. **We raised an amazing £285.74** in donations for Macmillan Cancer Support.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please note we are only able to administer prescribed medication in school for your child, and that parental consent forms must be completed. If your child needs prescription medicine which is required to be administered three times a day, this can be managed at home by parents. Parents should be aware that when children are given prescribed medicine in school, two members of staff are needed to administer it and we cannot guarantee staff availability.

Harvest Celebration 2021



Thank you for all your kind donations for CAFOD and the many donations of tins and packets for The Vineyard Church food bank for distribution to families and those in need in our local community. Thank you to everyone for your support of these good causes.



Discover Bucks Museum (formerly Bucks County Museum) in Aylesbury

We have been asked by Bucks Museum to advertise their recycling exhibition and school holiday activities. Details can be found on their website:

www.discoverbucksmuseum.org

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BUCKS COUNCIL – REVISED SCHOOL DATES 2022

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These days fall in the Summer Half Term and the Department for Education (DfE) would like to ensure all school staff have an extra day of celebration too.

In order to accommodate this, the DfE have reduced the number of school days in the academic year of 2021-22. Buckinghamshire Council have advised all schools that this extra day will be taken on Thursday 21st July, ending the Summer term a day early. By doing this we believe there will be less disruption to schools, children, parents and transport.

PLEASE NOTE that at St Joseph's this means the last day of the Summer term for children in School and Pre-School will now be Tuesday 19th July (there is an INSET day on Wednesday 20th July when School and Pre-School will be closed).

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL

REVISED TERM DATES 2021/22

	Open on morning of:	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term 2021	Thursday 2 September	Thursday 21 October
	Tuesday 2 November	<u>Wednesday 15 December (Pre-School)</u> <u>Friday 17 December (school)</u>
Spring Term 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February
	Monday 28 February	Friday 8 April
Summer Term 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May
	Monday 6 June	Tuesday 19 July

INSET DAYS 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022

COVID-19

To prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and protect others

You must NOT send your child to school if....

You, your child or a member of your household:

- Have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - Are waiting for a coronavirus test (or test results)
- Are in self isolation/ quarantine (as per government legislation/guidance)
 - Have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) such as :
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**In all cases, please follow medical advice and check the
Government websites for information and guidance.**

**Guidance is being updated frequently – please check the Government
websites for the most up to date information.**