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Welcome to our monthly newsletter.

Each month we like to let you know about upcoming events, give you information about the school and to share good news with you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - REMINDER

If you have not ordered free school meals via your **ParentPay** online account, you will need to provide your child with a **packed lunch**. Please note that Wednesday is the deadline for ordering meals for the following week.

Special dietary concerns can be addressed via the catering company and they are happy to discuss your child's needs with you. Please contact the school office for more information.

SETTLING INTO SCHOOL

The children have settled back well into school and into their new classes.

Please remember that Weekly Learning can be found on the Learning tab on the school website. This helps you know the learning your child is doing in class.

School drop-off in the morning is from 8.50 to 9.00 am. Lessons start at 9 am when classroom doors close.



Admission Information Meeting Reception Class 2022

If your child was born between **1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018**, we will be holding an **important meeting** for parents on **Wednesday 10th November** to explain the admissions process for entry into **Reception 2022** – more information to follow. We ask that you do not bring children with you on this occasion. You may make a separate appointment to view the school with your child.

Please note that applications for Reception 2022 must be submitted online via the Buckinghamshire Council website at www.buckscc.gov.uk when applications open in November 2021

If you are applying on faith grounds, please submit a completed Supplementary Information Form for Bucks Catholic Schools, along with your child's Baptism certificate. These should be submitted via the school to support your application. If you need further information regarding the admission process please see the Buckinghamshire Council website www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk or contact the school office.

Macmillan Cancer Support Wear Something Green Mufti day Friday 24th September 2021

Each year we host an event to support this important charity. This year we will be holding a **'Wear Something Green'** Mufti day on Friday 24th September. Children can come to school wearing something green and we invite donations to Macmillan.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children returning in their smart uniforms. Children may continue to wear summer uniform until half term when we ask that you change to the winter uniform. Please see our website for further details.

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a coat each day as the weather can be unpredictable.

For Health and Safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn to school (including earrings).

Harvest 'Share it round.....'



This term we take time to think about the food that we have and those not as fortunate as ourselves. During the next few weeks we will be talking to the children about the work of CAFOD and the Vineyard Centre to help us learn about the importance of helping others and how we can do this.

Each year we support these two charities. We will have a collection for CAFOD to support their work. We will also be asking you to help us to help families who are struggling and to support our local food banks by donating food items to be passed on to The Vineyard for distribution. It is wonderful for us to be able to help local and more distant communities and we hope you will be able to support us with this. Further information will be sent out to you towards the end of September.

SCA (School Community Association)

Our wonderful SCA is once again looking to increase its members. They will be sending out details about their work and Annual General Meeting shortly. Please look out for this and your support would be most welcome.



Walking to School and WOW

The government is actively encouraging all families to **walk, cycle or scoot** some or all of the journey to school. Travelling sustainably also helps to reduce parking congestion outside the school and on local roads.

We support the **Walking Once a Week (WOW)** and ask children to record their journeys to school on the interactive class WOW Travel Tracker. At the end of the month, children who have walked, cycled or scooted to school (even for the last 10 minutes) will be awarded a badge.

A copy of the **St Joseph's - 5 & 10 Minute Walking Map** can be found at the front of the school for everyone to see. We also issue a copy of the Walking Map to our new Reception families. Why not 'Park and Stride' ie park your car further away from school and walk or scoot the last part of the journey?



Mass in School

We have been notified by the Diocese that Masses in school may resume.



We will be working with Father John Beirne to discuss the programme for Mass in School this academic year.

Questionnaire Results

Thank you for completing our Parental Questionnaires. Your views are important to us and the governors and staff have been thinking hard about the comments you have made. We will be looking at ways to improve the school and to ensure we continue to do the things we do well.

We will share a summary of the results with you when all answers have been collated.

PARENTS EVENINGS (School)

As part of the gradual return for visitors in school, Parents Evenings this term will continue to be by a pre-booked telephone call with the class teacher. The purpose of the meeting is to update you about your child's learning, highlight areas they are doing well in, and discuss areas they may need more support in. These meetings are important to enable us to work in partnership with you. You will receive a notification via your ParentMail account in a few weeks inviting you to book an online appointment with your child's teacher.

Dates and further information to follow.



BIRTHDAY TREATS

For Health & Safety reasons, we kindly request that you do not give children sweets or cake to bring into school for class birthday treats. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you wish to provide a treat for the class we suggest small stickers, pencils etc.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is absent for any reason, you must give the reason for the absence when you notify the school. We ask that you provide as much detail as possible about the reasons for absence to enable us to record the absence correctly.

You may use the Absence tab on your ParentMail account to send the office a message. Alternatively the 24 hour answerphone service is also available for reporting your child's absence.

Please notify the school at the start of the day on the first day of any absence, and then continue to keep in regular contact if the absence continues.

Please be aware that school registers are taken twice a day – once in the morning at 9.00 am, and again at the start of the afternoon session after 1.00 pm.

NO TURNING SPACE – HAZELL AVENUE

We urgently remind parents that there is NO Turning Space in the section of the road in front of the school gates. Drivers who are using this part of the road to turn their vehicle around are endangering children and pedestrians and also causing traffic congestion. We ask that you avoid driving into this section of Hazell Avenue. Please do not ask taxi drivers to use this area.



Please think about children, other road users and local residents.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL

School & Pre-School

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	Friday 17 December
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	Wednesday 20 July

INSET DAYS 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Thursday 21st July 2022