

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School Newsletter – April 2023



Dear Parents

Please see our new format newsletter that we hope will help you to see information more readily. We are aware that information that comes as an attachment is often missed as parents cannot always open the attachments, have trouble reading information on phones, or miss attachments.

We hope this is useful and would like to remind you that all newsletters, weekly learning and termly letters are also placed on our website for you to view.

Easter – Jesus is Alive!

Before we broke up we gathered together and remembered our Lenten promises, to pray together and to continue to prepare for the Easter celebrations to come.

Easter Garden Liturgy

On our return to school we have built our Easter Garden and recalled the Easter story and the joyous message that 'Jesus is alive'. We have also listened to Bible stories about how Jesus appeared to his friends in the weeks after the resurrection

May, the Month of Mary

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

Summer Uniform (YR, Y1, Y2)

Children are able to wear the summer uniform as the weather gets warmer in the Summer term. Please ensure all items are named.

The Summer uniform consists of:

Blue and white check dress/blue and white check culotte dress

Grey school shorts or grey school trousers, white polo shirt or short sleeve white collared shirt. - no tie.

School jumper/cardigan

Further information about school uniform and our uniform supplier is available on the school website. <https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Uniform/>

PE Uniform (YR, Y1, Y2)

A reminder that your child must wear the correct PE uniform on class PE days:

- Dark Blue shorts or Dark Blue/Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- White T-shirt
- Sports footwear

PE Uniform should be worn with the school jumper or school cardigan.

(Hoodies and multi-coloured sports kit should not be worn on PE days).

Jewellery

We have noticed a number of children wearing earrings at school. This is becoming increasingly time consuming to monitor and address. We therefore strongly ask that you remove/tape your child's earrings before they attend school each day.

Please note that for Health & Safety reasons jewellery should not be worn to school (this includes earrings and necklaces).

Care Club Places - September 2023

Important Reminder: Monday 5th June Deadline.

An important reminder to parents currently using the Breakfast and After School Clubs – you must confirm the sessions you require for your child for the new school year from September 2023 **by Monday 5th June**. Please email the school office to confirm your sessions. This is important as it helps us to plan for staffing and know the number of places left to allocate

Allergies & Nuts

As we have a number of children who have a nut allergy, we ask that you do not send nuts or nut products into school for snacks or lunch boxes (this includes peanut butter and Nutella type spreads). Please help us to keep all our children safe and healthy.

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Red, White & Blue Fun Celebration Day on Friday 5th May

Wear RED White & BLUE (non-uniform day)

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 main school gates at the school end of Hazell Avenue. Drivers who are using this part of the road to turn their vehicle around are endangering children and pedestrians and frequently causing traffic congestion. We ask that you avoid driving into this section of the road. Please do not ask taxi drivers to use this area. The local police have been asked to visit the area and will be looking for vehicles contravening safety and highway regulations.

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

Please also be reminded to be courteous to other parents, and our neighbours and respect them and their properties.

Access to 2J & 2S Classrooms

Children in 2S and 2J must now be dropped off at the classroom door each morning. This will improve safety around the staff car park area.

2S pupils must be dropped off via the playground route.

2J pupils can take the route to the classroom which is easier or quickest for parents – either via the playground or the path at the front of the school.

Adults may then leave the site via the playground or the side gate by the hall.

All children must be accompanied by an adult to their classroom door.

Access to Sunshine and Rainbow Rooms

Pre-School children can now be taken directly to their room door. This will ease congestion around the front of the school and the main access path leading to the school office.

Parents waiting to drop off Pre-School children should wait in the Pre-School waiting area in the front playground.

[Accessing the School Site](#)

Please be aware that if you press the gate button on Hazell Avenue or Penrith Way Gates it may take a few moments for the office staff to respond.

Office staff may be on the telephone, dealing with first aid incidents or speaking to parents when you press the buzzer and thus be unable to answer immediately.

Please note St Edwards are unable to open the gate for our visitors and we are unable to open the gates for people requiring entrance to St Edwards.

[Strike Action](#)

There is planned national strike action on 2nd May. Please be prepared for possible disruption.

[SCA Thanks](#)

We hope you will support the SCA with their upcoming Cake Sales – all proceeds go towards supporting the school with buying extra resources and improvements. With shrinking school budgets and more and more demands on the budget, as well as ageing school facilities, this funding source very much appreciated and valued.

We are very grateful to the people who give their time to set up and run events and really appreciate their support.

We would especially like to thank the outgoing SCA Chair – Helen Ringsell for all her work – especially for keeping the group going during COVID.

[Respect](#)

Please respect our staff, children and families.

Swearing, aggressive behaviour and violent or dangerous behaviour will not be tolerated on our shared site: St Joseph's & St Edward's. **Abuse will not be tolerated**

[Consultation on time changes to the School Day](#)

Please be reminded that we wish to hear your opinions on the proposed time changes to the school day. All parents are invited to respond via email to the school office.

office@stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk

[Requesting Leave of Absence \(YR, Y1,Y2\)](#)

The Department for Education advises that parents should not normally take pupils out of school or away on holiday during term time. For this reason, we are unable to authorise any leave of absence during term time, except under exceptional circumstances.

All applications for Exceptional Leave of Absence must be submitted using the Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence form. This is available from the school office/website and should be submitted to the Headteacher at least one month before the absence start date.

Regular and punctual attendance at school is important and a legal requirement. Parents are reminded of their responsibility to ensure their child attends school during term time and for the designated school hours. A good education helps give each child a good start in life and poor attendance can reduce a child's achievement at school.

[Term Dates 2022 – 2023](#)

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June – Thursday 20th July

Term Dates for 2023 – 2024 are now available on the school website (Key Information, Term Dates)