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JUNE/JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

THE FEAST OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

On 29th June we celebrated the feast day of St. Peter & St. Paul. St. Paul became a good man when he heard the voice of God and spent the rest of his life preaching the Gospel. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build his Church.



LAST DAY OF TERM

School closes at 3.10 p.m. on Tuesday 19th July 2022.

Pre-School closes at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13th July 2022.

Both School and Pre-School return on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

Health & Well-Being

We have over 10 children now with chicken pox. Please be vigilant and check your children.

We also have increasing numbers of children with temperatures and feeling unwell. This may be a sign of COVID as there are many cases in the local area. You may wish to consider testing your child. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or test positive for COVID. Children testing positive should remain at home for at least 3 days and until they are feeling well.

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS 2022

We have sent information about a range of activities your child will be involved in to help them prepare for the next class/school. This can be an emotional time for children and parents and it is helpful if the adults can support and encourage their children to see this as an exciting new adventure and something to look forward to. If you have any worries or questions please speak to a member of staff or send an email to the school office. If you are anxious, your child will be anxious.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION FOR YEAR 2

We have organised some special events for children in Year 2 as they come to the end of their time at St Joseph's.

Art Gallery Opening – Wednesday 13th July – 2.30 – 4.00 pm - The afternoon will begin with a singing performance at 2.30 pm. You are invited to view a selection of our Year 2 artwork.

Leavers' Disco – Friday 15th July - 3.10 – 5.30 pm – Please confirm if your child is available to attend via your ParentMail account ('Events' tab). See the Parentmail sent for more details.

Leavers' Assembly – Monday 18th July – 2.30 pm – This assembly will be a celebration of the children's achievements and a chance for them to reflect on their time here at St Joseph's.

ST JOSEPH'S GUARDIANS – Well done!

St Joseph's Guardians ran a successful Plant Sale at the recent SCA Spring Fair. They raised an amazing £45 for school funds. This also helps towards gaining the Green Flag award and St Joseph's becoming an ECO-Friendly School.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE (YR, Y1,Y2)

May we remind parents that the school cannot authorise absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

An 'Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence' form should be completed. This is available on the school website or a paper copy may be obtained from the school office.

HEALTHY WEEK AND SPORTS DAY - What a wonderful week!

So many wonderful activities and some very excited and happy children! There were Skipping, Archery and Football workshops, and the Dance workshop with a show at the end of the day for the other classes to watch was spectacular. The children and staff had great fun.

Sports Day went well and all children managed to take part despite the rain disrupting the morning's planned timetable. A little bit of competition and good sportsmanship was evident as the children cheered each other on and celebrated each other's achievements.

SCHOOL UNIFORM (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Details of the correct school uniform can be found on the website in: Key Information > Uniform.

Our school uniform supplier is PL Schoolwear. For more information and ordering please visit

www.plschoolwear.co.uk

PARKING ISSUES AND TRAFFIC SADNESS

We have received some reports of inconsiderate and dangerous parking from our neighbours and would like to remind all parents about the importance of driving safely and considerately on the roads around our school. You can help by remembering the following:

- Do not park over driveways, on corners or close to junctions
- Be considerate and polite to each other
- It is important to keep routes clear for emergency vehicle access **AT ALL TIMES**
- For the safety of pedestrians do not turn, drive or park on pavements
- Take notice of the No Turning sign in Hazell Avenue

We are trying our hardest to encourage our families to keep our children safe and set a good example.

We pride ourselves in the ethos of the school where everyone is special and treated with respect. We would like to hope that this ethos would be felt by the local community too.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL/ALLERGIES

Please collect any medication your child may have in school on the last day of term and most importantly ensure that it is checked and returned to the school office on the first day back – Tuesday 6th September. Thank you.



NAMED PROPERTY

Please ensure that all of your child's items and any new items you buy for use in school are 'named' immediately. This helps us to return items promptly to your child if they lose them.

REMINDER - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the dates for your diaries below.

Please look out for further information regarding each event.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
5 th July		County Transition Day
7 th July	14.00 – 15.00	YR Stay & Play
8 th July		Reports to Parents (YR, Y1 & Y2)
13 th July		Pre-School last day
13 th July	14.30 – 16.00	Y2 Art Gallery Opening
14 th July	14.15 – 15.10	Y1 Garden Party – more information to follow
15 th July	15.15 – 17.30	Y2 Leaver's Disco
18 th July	14.30 – 15.10	Y2 Leaver's Assembly – more information to follow
19 th July		Last Day of School
20 th July		INSET – Staff Only – School closed to pupils

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES

At this time of year we ask parents to complete various questionnaires asking for your views of the school. We very much welcome your feedback and your views as they are very important to us. We will soon be sending out questionnaires and we hope that we will be able to do some of these electronically as many parents have indicated that this is an easier way to complete them. Please look out for further information via your ParentMail account.

SCHOOL MILK

Our school provides a milk scheme which is available to all pupils via our milk supplier Cool Milk. Free milk is available to order for all children under five. When a child turns five, parents have the opportunity to pay a subsidised rate for their child to continue to receive milk in school.

Pupils entitled to Pupil Premium funding are entitled to free school milk.

If you would like more information or to register for your child to receive school milk please visit our milk provider's website, www.coolmilk.com

REPAIRS

We are still awaiting repair work on play equipment and gazebos. This is due to a combination of materials shortages and busy contractors. We are very much hoping all repairs will have been completed by September 2022.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are pleased to let you know that our new look School Website was launched on 30th June – we hope you like it and can find everything you need. Please take a look:

<https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/>

Please bear with us as we continue to upload information to the new website and should there be any delays in uploading the regular information to the site.

There is now a new Trust Information tab on the website where further information regarding the St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust can be found.

TERM DATES 2022
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL
Please note School and Pre-School dates may differ slightly

	Open on morning of:	Close at end of afternoon of
Summer Term 2022	Monday 25 th April	Friday 27 th May
	Monday 6 th June	<u>Tuesday 19th July (School)</u> <u>Wednesday 13th July (Pre-School)</u>
Autumn Term 2022	Tuesday 6 th September	Friday 21 st October
	Wednesday 2 nd November	Tuesday 20 th December Pre-School date to be confirmed

INSET DAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22: Wednesday 20th July 2022

More information about current term dates and future Buckinghamshire Council term dates can be found on the school website (Key Information >Term Dates).

READING BOOKS & SCHOOL RESOURCES

All school books will be collected in from week beginning 4th July. This is to enable a thorough stock take to take place and to carry out repairs and ordering.

