



"Believe Achieve, Succeed"

Under Saint Joseph's guardianship and protection, we will be supported to achieve and succeed in the things the Lord wants us to do.

10th October 2016

We've had a great start to the school year with some really exciting learning activities taking place across the school. We look forward to sharing some of these with you during our Open Morning on the 18th November. If you can't wait until then please follow us on Twitter. I am also looking forward to seeing many of you in school over the next few days for parents' evenings.

Chaplaincy Group

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the clothing bank charity, ShareWear. Your generosity as always never fails to surprise me. The last day for donations is this Friday 21st.

The next mini project the Chaplaincy Group are supporting is the Harborough Fairtrade Group 90kg Rice Challenge. The aim is to sell 90 x 1kg bags in the coming weeks, which is how much a rice farmer in Malawi would have to sell to send one child to school for a year. 1kg bags cost £3 and will be available to buy from a member of the Chaplaincy Group.

PE Kit

Unfortunately I think we may have seen the end of the warm weather. Please could you ensure your child (years 3 -6) have a tracksuit in school for outside PE. Unless it is raining PE will be outside on a Monday afternoon. If possible we ask that the tracksuit be dark and plain.

Love in a Box

Please could you bring in your contributions for 'Love in a box' by the 7th November. Don't forget the £2.00 towards postage.

Sickness

As is expected at this time of year, there are a few bugs going around. If your child is sick or has an upset tummy, could you please ensure that they remain off school for at least 48 hours after the last 'episode'. This will help to minimise the risk of passing it from child to child and with half term coming up no-one wants to be ill!

Scooters

Please can you ensure that your child does not use their scooter within the school grounds. With so many people in the playground at the beginning and the end of the school day there is a risk that someone will get knocked over.

Mornings

As our school numbers increase and we begin to reach capacity, the bottom pitch gets very busy in the morning. I would like to request that parents of children in KS2 do not stand in the line with their child. This will allow the children to negotiate the various obstacles of bags and coats more safely.

Can I also remind all parents that you should not be entering the school building in the mornings. Please allow your child to enter school on their own. The only exception to this is the parents of children in Foundation. However, after half term we would like to see the Foundation children being encouraged to enter school on their own and help them become more independent.

Parking

We are again having problems with parking at the rear of school. Please avoid using the car park as it does not belong to St Joseph's. In addition under no circumstances should cars park on the hatched areas.

Apologies if this newsletter is a bit of a moan, but all of our rules are in place for your child's safety.

Dates for Your Diaries

October

- 11th EYFS & Year 1 Library visits
- 11th Parent's Evening 3.30 - 6pm
- 11th PTFA meeting @ school 7.30pm
- 12th Parent's Evening 5 - 7.30pm
- 12th Harvest Mass, school 9.30
- 13th Year 6 sports ambassadors @ RSA
- 14th School Closes, half term
- 24th School re-opens
- 24th EYFS Hand Hygiene session by school nurse
- 25th Year 4 visit to the dentist
- 27th Cross country race @ MH Leisure Centre
- 31st Closing date for KS3 applications
- 31st Year 6 Kingswood

November

- 4th Year 6 return from Kingswood
- 5th PTFA Bonfire Event
- 9th Mass in Church
- 14th Anti-Bullying Week
- 14th EYFS Film trip
- 15th Years 3 & 4 Film trip
- 18th Open Morning
- 22nd Able maths
- 23rd Years 1 & 2 Film trip
- 24th Years 5 & 6 Film trip
- 25th Non-school uniform day

December

- 2nd Menphys Carol Concert
- 5th Year 5 Advent Retreat to Alton Castle
- 7th Year 5 return from Alton Castle
- 9th Years 1 & 5 Fire and Rescue session
- 12th Years 1 to 6 Flu Immunisations
- 13th PTFA discos
- 14th Christmas jumper day
- 15th Snow White, Pantomime
- 16th Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th School Closes - Teacher Day