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### Upcoming events

**Saturday 10th October**  
First Holy Communion  
Mass for Group B at St  
Joseph's Church  
2pm-3pm

**Friday 16th October**  
Deadline for all Christmas  
card drawings to school  
office

**Saturday 17th October**  
First Holy Communion  
Mass for Group C at St  
Joseph's Church  
2pm-3pm

**Friday 23rd October**  
Halloween Craft Day  
Break up for half term

**Saturday 24th October**  
First Holy Communion  
Mass for Group D at St  
Joseph's Church  
2pm-3pm

**Saturday 31st October**  
First Holy Communion  
Mass for Group E at St  
Joseph's Church  
2pm-3pm

**Monday 2nd November**  
School returns  
Breakfast Club Starts

**Tuesday 3rd November**  
Parents' Evening Phone  
calls

**Wednesday 4th  
November**  
Parents' Evening Phone  
calls

### Dear Parents

It's Friday again! Our return to full-time on-site education is still going well thanks to heroic efforts from teachers, support staff and pupils, not forgetting our parents and the wider community. We continue to learn to live with the restrictions and adjust our protocols and procedures accordingly. I have to commend the maturity and kindness shown by the majority of our pupils, from Nursery through to Year 6. This is not a "normal" school year, by any stretch of the imagination, and yet our pupils turn up smiling each morning, ready to work, and importantly support each other.

### Open Evenings

We have had a number of enquiries about Open Evenings, which is great; however, to open the school up to visitors is not sensible right now so we will be conducting our admissions events digitally and virtually. Information regarding the Open Evenings will be available in the coming weeks. So, if you are aware of anyone who may be interested in a place at St Joseph's for their child in September 2021 for Nursery or Reception, please do direct them to contact [enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk) for the most up to date information.

### Parents' Evenings

We will be conducting our Parents' Evenings by telephone this term due to the inability to welcome you into our school. Information regarding booking your slots will be shared on the 19th October - we will continue to use the Parent Pay booking system which has worked incredibly well over the last two years. Parents who require more than one appointment will be able to do so.

### Survey

Thank you to the many families who responded to our survey. We will provide you all with an analysis of the survey in the coming weeks, but it was extremely positive to read the many lovely comments made about how you view the school. Thank you again! I have taken the comments about the 'Welcome' sign on the chin!

### Bikes

It has been lovely to see some children coming to school on bikes. As a result of how our families are parking them, we can confirm that we can carry on with this offer.

### Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that we will be able to offer morning child care provision from Monday 2nd November 2020 in the form of a Breakfast Club (charges apply).

Breakfast Club will run Monday to Friday during term time from 7.45am to 8.45am. Details have been emailed to all parents but please contact Mrs Lloyd if you need more information.

### Mrs McCormack

You may be aware that our cook, Mrs McCormack, is due to retire at the end of this half term after many years working in the kitchen at St Joseph's. The current restrictions mean we are unable to give Mrs McCormack the grand exit that she deserves but I am sure that you will wish her good luck in her future life of leisure! We do have a couple of things planned!!!

As a result of Mrs McCormack's retirement, as well as changes through our school joining the Bishop Chadwick Trust, we have a number of vacancies in our catering department. Details of these posts will be available on our school website as well as on [bccet.org.uk/vacancies](http://bccet.org.uk/vacancies)

### Finally

For now at least, there are no significant changes to our procedures, although I would appreciate you continuing to adhere to social distancing protocols at drop-off and pick-up, including not waiting outside the exit gate for your child. Also, on behalf of road safety colleagues (the police and the Local Authority) please pay particular attention to driving carefully and safe parking, given how congested it can become, despite the staggered entry and exit times.

Take care,  
Mr P Craig

THANKS



