



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St. Joseph's Way
Jarrow
NE32 4PJ

0191 5364311



www.stjosephsjarrow.co.uk

office@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk

@stjosephsjarrow

@st_josephs_rc_eyfs

Newsletter no. 14

21st May 2021

Dear Parents

What a week! Following some of the strangest weather I think I've ever known, here is your fortnightly newsletter. We do feel we are moving back to some form of 'normality', albeit still in class bubbles, as we continue to have some Liturgies in the hall; giving me a chance to share my faith with our pupils. Additionally, we can use the library, ICT room and hall with a slightly increased freedom. Let's hope that the Prime Minister's roadmap aims come to fruition and we can get our school back together very soon!

Onjali Rauf

Year 5 had the pleasure of joining author Onjali Q Rauf on a live virtual event this week. During the event, Onjali discussed what inspired her new book 'Night Bus Hero' and how she wrote it, whilst giving us a sneak preview of the content. Onjali has very generously donated a free copy of the book, which we will be reading during our Whole Class Reading sessions. We also found out that she was born in Newcastle!

School Website

With the academisation of our school, this necessitated our website transferring to a new provider. As expected, this came with many difficulties, including some documents going missing! The website is now around 75% back to normal - please bear with us while we complete it. Thanks to Mrs Toward for her hard work with this!

Staff Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies in school (Lunchtime Supervisor and Catering Assistant), as well as a couple coming up. All details are available www.bccet.org.uk/vacancies

Free parking in South Shields Town Centre

Earlier this year, the Council set out five new priorities for South Tyneside to support residents, visitors and businesses. They are determined to create the conditions for economic recovery and investment and as part of our new approach, temporary free parking is being offered in South Shields Town Centre to help businesses bounce back from coronavirus, boost the local economy and support the reopening of the high street and hospitality industry. Car parking will be free from 12 midday Sunday to Friday and all day on Saturdays. Free car parking will be in place from 17 May until 31 August 2021 and in council owned car parks only.

Information is available at <https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/38111/South-Shields-Town-Centre-car-parks>

Instagram

Our EYFS team took the plunge and set up our own Instagram account, solely for sharing photos and information on Nursery and Reception. You can follow the great work that goes on in our EYFS stage at [st_josephs_rc_eyfs](https://www.instagram.com/st_josephs_rc_eyfs)

Car Park

Sorry, but another car park moan! We have had some parents asking me to share their concerns about the speed that some cars are driven into and out of the car park. The entrance to the car park has a large wall to the side, which obstructs the views of pedestrians. Please drive slowly and carefully out of the car park for the safety of our families.

Summer Schools

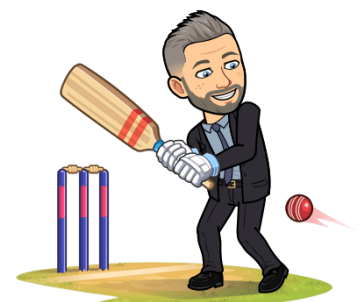
All Summer Schools will run from 10am -3pm and the cost is £40 per child per week.

Book early to guarantee a place.

26th - 30th July (Grassroots). Based at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. (see attached flyer).

9th - 13th August (Grassroots). Based at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (see attached flyer).

16th - 20th August (St Joseph's school staff). Payments can now be made via ParentPay.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is becoming more and more popular. The club runs from 7.45am - 8.45am Monday to Friday at £3.50 per day. The children get to enjoy lots of fun activities and get a healthy breakfast too. Follow the link for more information or contact Mrs Lloyd or Miss Quinn. <https://stjosephsjarrow.co.uk/our-school/breakfast-club/>

Google Forms

We have found that using Google Forms to request information from parents is a much more effective way. We have recently sent 'Whole School Off Site Activities Consent 2020/21' and 'New Student Form'. We are asking for both forms to be completed for all pupils (not just new starters) so that we can ensure we have the most up to date information for your child. Please check your emails and your SPAM folder and contact the school office if you have not received these forms.

SumDog

Well done to all the children who took part in the national SumDog competition. A special shout out to Lily Thompson who finished 153rd out of 28,000 pupils and Y6 who finished in 56th place out of 4,000 classes. We will be entering another national competition before the end of the year.

School Photographs

The deadline to return orders to school is Tuesday 25th May.

And finally...

There is definitely a sense of hope from our community at the moment, but we must always temper this with being sensible! We have proven that we can get through this together, and as a school I am unbelievably proud of you all. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine (hopefully!)

Take care!
Mr P Craig

