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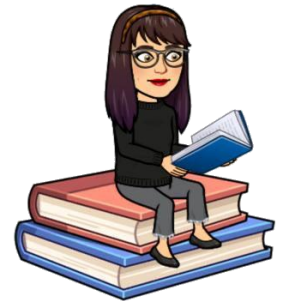
24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another very busy week at St Joseph's, I think it is time to reflect on how well the children have adapted back to life in school. The smiles they share first thing in the morning always brightens my day and it is a pleasure to be part of their learning. Seeing the enthusiasm and maturity that our Y5 and Y6 pupils have shown at the Youth Ministry Trust also reminds me of how lucky I am to be Headteacher of this lovely school.

Reading Club

Mrs Bertram is so pleased to announce that our 'Reading Club' will be reopening on Monday 27th September. This was such a success prior to all of the restrictions associated with COVID-19 and we cannot wait to welcome families back into school. For those new to our school, or those that had not attended before, our 'Reading Club' is open from 8.30am - 8.45am. You and your family are welcome to come into our library via the main entrance. This invitation is extended to children who are not yet school age too. On entering the building, you must sign into the 'Reading Club' book and then you may access the library, books and resources there. Some parents and families found this to be a really great opportunity to share their child's reading book and leave a comment in their reading record. Some parents used this time to complete some spelling work or practise times tables.



We do ask that the library, resources and people within it are treated with the same respect you would expect in a public library. The library must remain as clean and tidy as you found it. We look forward to seeing you and your family. We will be in touch about further reading opportunities that will be offered to the children and families in the near future.

Books

Linked to the above, we are creating reading boxes for pupils to access during break times. If you have any pre-loved books that you would like to donate, please leave them in the box that will be placed outside the school office. Thank you in advance.

Welcome Mass

We are also delighted to be able to invite you into our first Mass of the year. Pupils in KS2 will be involved in our 'Welcome Mass' on Monday 27th in St Joseph's Church. This will begin at 9.30am and all are welcome. This will be the first time many of our pupils will have been in church for almost two years and will be a very special time.

Parents' Evening

Due to staff training date changes, we need to move the first of our Parents' Evenings from Tuesday 2nd November to **Monday 1st November**. Time slots will be offered to parents electronically in the coming weeks. This year, we are offering either face to face or telephone conversations.

Parent Survey

Next week, we will be sharing a parent survey based on reading. This will be again electronically via Google forms. Please check your SPAM folder if you do not receive it.

Youth Ministry Trust

As mentioned in my opening, our Y5 and Y6 pupils who have attended the Youth Ministry Trust have excelled in all areas - they have approached all activities with enthusiasm, shown wonderful behaviour and even gone to bed on time! Photographs of the week are on our Facebook page, and will also be available on the school website. Thank you to Miss Godfrey and Mrs Burns who accompanied them on the visit.

Volunteers

Due to Covid, we were unable to welcome volunteers into school. However, we would like to open this opportunity to welcome support into school. If you previously volunteered in school, and would like to do this again, please contact

Mrs Lloyd and let her know your availability. Alternatively, if you would like to start volunteering, contact Mrs Lloyd who will go through the procedures needed before you can start.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Hopefully this windy weather will calm down, but if not, better get the kites out!

Take care!
Mr P Craig

