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Dear Parents and Carers

It is amazing to think that we are already into October! The first month has certainly flown by and it seems hard to believe that we have already started the term that ends with all the Christmas celebrations. It has been impressive to see how quickly our Reception children settled into full-time education and how our Nursery children have made a positive start to their educational journey with us.

Gold Book Assembly

Our Reception & Key Stage 1 Gold Book Assembly will take place on Thursday 21st October at 9.15am. We are delighted that parents, carers and families can attend after so many months conducting this remotely. Although we would love everyone to come, we do ask that we reserve this for families of Reception and KS1 pupils only, as it does get very busy! There will be a KS2 Gold Book Assembly in December. As always, we invite pupils to bring in their trophies, certificates etc that they have received for activities outside school. These should be brought in before the assembly and placed on the table in the hall.

Buddy Assembly

We invite parents and carers of our Reception and Year 6 pupils to join us in our Buddy Assembly next Friday, 15th October. This is an opportunity to share their good news, as well as introduce you to their new buddies. The Friends of St Joseph's will follow this assembly with a few words about how you can be involved in the group, with refreshments available during the meeting.

Friends of...Events

A couple of events have been organised by the Friends of... for this term. More details will be shared, but for your diaries, here are the dates:

Friday 26th November - Bad Hair Day

Friday 10th December - Christmas Movie Night



Parent Survey

Our Reading survey is now live for the next two weeks! Please follow the link that has been shared with you via email.

Reading Club

We have been really pleased with how our Reading Club has taken off again! We will be introducing 'Reading Club Passports' in the next few weeks, which will reward pupils and families who attend the club each morning. If you would like to use our library before school starts, to either read a book or work with your child, doors open at 8.30am.

Books

We forgot to put a box out for donated books (there has been a lot going on!) The box will be placed outside the office door each morning, where any books that you would like to donate can be placed. We are looking at developing an outside reading library for play times etc, and your books will be gratefully received. We are also looking for donations of any large plastic boxes that you may have to keep the books in. If you have some, please contact the office.

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.

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday, 21st October is a school INSET day. Pupils return to school following the half term on Monday, 1st November.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Take care! Mr P Craig