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8th September 2023

Upcoming events

Monday 11th September

Reading Club 8.25am
 Year 6 swimming pm

Tuesday 12th September

Walks for Joy assembly (pupils only) 11.00am
 Walks for Joy 4.30pm (see info in newsletter)
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 13th September

Year 6 Mass in Church 10.00am
 Guitar club in lunchtime

Thursday 14th September

Friday 15th September

Monday 18th September

Year 6 swimming pm
 Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 19th September

Year 5 Open Morning 9.00am
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 20th September

Roving Book Fair in school all day
 Year 5 Mass in Church 10.00am
 Guitar club in lunchtime

Thursday 21st September

Year 4 Open Morning 9.00am

Friday 22nd September

Welcome Mass in Church 9.45am

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to St Joseph's! We hope you all had a fantastic Summer break filled with relaxation, adventures and quality time with loved ones. As we embark on a new academic year, we are energised and excited to reconnect with our incredible school community. Whether you are new to our school or returning, we extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. This year promises to be a wonderful journey of growth, learning and meaningful experiences. We can't wait to share in these moments with you.

Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening event for new admissions for 2024-25 in both Nursery and Reception. If you have a child who is due to start Nursery or Reception next September, or know someone who is thinking of sending their child to our school, the meeting take place on Wednesday, 27th September at 5.00pm

House Groups

We held our first House Group meetings today, where the pupils discussed our value for September, which is Kindness. They also learned about our House Point system, as well as the charities that each House will earn House Points for. As well as this, the House Captains and Vice Captains were chosen:

	<u>House Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>	<u>Charity</u>
<u>Aidan</u>	Lilly	Grayson	Together Forever Trust
<u>Bede</u>	Maia	Finley	CAFOD
<u>Benet Biscop</u>	Hannah	Will	National Deaf Children's Society
<u>Cuthbert</u>	Alex	Scarlet	Key to Life Foodbank
<u>Hilda</u>	Florence	Bella	Heel & Toe Children's Charity
<u>Oswald</u>	Jake	Heidi	Love, Amelia Children's Charity

First Holy Communion

We hope to have the provisional dates for First Holy Communion meetings early next week. Children currently in Year 4 who are baptised Catholic can take part in this programme, but we also encourage parents of non-baptised pupils to attend, as there are options for you and your child to also take part.

Walks for Joy

Walks for Joy are an opportunity to meet with others from our school and local communities to talk about faith. BCCET will be hosting five walks between Thursday 7 September and Tuesday 12 September 2023. You can attend any of the sessions and do all or part of the walk. To book a place email chaplain@bccet.org.uk

Walks will be at an easy pace and all walks finish with refreshments at the final location. Those with mobility issues or those who are unable to do the walks are most welcome to come along and join us for refreshments.

The nearest walk to our school starts at St. Aloysius Junior School, Hebburn, NE31 1BQ and finishes at St. Wilfrid's RC College, South Shields, NE34 0QA. The walk starts at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 12th September 2023

Reading Club

Reading Club starts again this Monday at 8.25am. This is an opportunity for pupils and their family to use our library before the school day begins. It is available every day.

Dates for term

We will share all the dates for the term (including Christmas!) next week.

Roving Book Fair

We welcome back the Roving Book Fair on Wednesday 20th September. If you remember from last year, there are hundreds of high quality books to buy, many at greatly reduced prices. Further information about the fair will be shared soon.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see all of our 'smart as a dart' pupils in school this week.

Nuts

Can I remind parents that we are a 'nut free' school? We have a number of pupils and staff who have severe reactions if they come into contact with nut-based food, including Nutella.

Wednesday Mass

Each week, one class will attend the Wednesday morning Mass at 10.00am. All of our community are of course welcome to attend.

Take care,
Mr P Craig
Headteacher