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### 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