



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School - October Newsletter

We have had a very successful start to the Autumn Term and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into school, particularly our new Nursery and Reception children. It is October already and the coming weeks are set to be very busy and exciting. Within the newsletter we have shared some important upcoming dates and events, as we wanted to give you all plenty of notice of what is to come.



Family Fast Day

CAFOD: Family Fast Day is on Friday 6th October. We are invited to join together with our parish, friends and families around the world to offer prayers and support for those less fortunate than ourselves and provide funds to help the most vulnerable have access to the medical care they need to survive in increasingly challenging circumstances.

During October each class will have a shiny tin in their classroom and we will be collecting loose change. We ask that if you have any spare coins, however big or small, that children bring them in and add them to their class tins- any donations would be gratefully received. At the end of October we will then add the money together and send it to CAFOD in aid of Family Fast Appeal. Together our small donations can make a big difference.



Mini-Vinnies

As a harvest project, our Mini-Vinnies would like to invite children, throughout October, to bring into school a tin, packet or non perishable food item/s for our food bank appeal. Throughout October the Mini-Vinnies will be collecting all food donations and at the end of the month they will organise for the food to be taken to our local food bank to help those in our local community who need this support.

We thank you for your continued support with food bank donations, your kindness really does make such a difference to those in need.



Macmillan Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all who were able to attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning, those who bought cakes and those who made donations on the yard. This is a cause very close to our hearts and collectively we

made the grand total of £145.45. In these difficult times financially, we really do thank you for your continued support as we work together for the benefit of others.



School Photographs

School Photographs will take place on **Monday 16th October** and will include family and individual photographs. More information to follow.



World Mental Health Day

Every year in school we celebrate **World Mental Health Day on the 10th October**. The theme this year is 'Mental Health is a universal human right.'

This year we are inviting the children to 'stand out and show up' for young people's mental health by attending school wearing something yellow on **Tuesday 10th October**. This can be any item of clothing that they have which is yellow. Please do not go out and buy yellow clothing if your child does not have any.

Children will take part in activities throughout the day linked to mental health and wellbeing.



Autumn Disco

The Autumn Disco will take place on **Wednesday 18th October**. We ask that parents take children home after school to get them dressed and return for the disco. Tickets can be purchased from ParentPay at the cost of £1

Reception/KS1- 3:45-4:45pm

Key Stage 2- 5-6 pm

Please note: Tea Time Club provision will still be available for those children who need to access it up until 5:15pm.



Anti-Bullying Week-Odd Socks Day



To launch the start of Anti-Bullying week we will be hosting Odd Socks Day on **Monday 13th November**. Children and staff are invited to come into school wearing odd socks to show that we are all unique and

different and to celebrate these differences. Throughout the week children will take part in a range of activities themed around anti-bullying.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this term will take place on **Wednesday 8th November and Monday 13th November**. Information will be sent out to book appointment times



Visit to the Theatre- Shrek the Musical



We were delighted to share with you all, before the summer break, that we will be taking all of the children from Reception-Year 6 to see the Broadway and Westend smash hit- Shrek the Musical at Sunderland Empire Theatre in February.

We asked for a voluntary contribution towards the trip of **£18 per child** which will go towards the price of the tickets and the bus, the remainder of the cost will be paid by the school.

It was agreed that if families have more than one child in school, there would be a slight reduction to the overall cost- families with 2 children would pay £32 and families with 3 children would pay £45. A payment item was set up on ParentPay for families to pay this over 3 installments, July, August and September.

We would appreciate it if you could please check your ParentPay account and ensure that it is up to date for this payment item.

We are acutely aware that times are hard for many of our families at the moment financially, so if anyone has had difficulty in meeting this payment schedule, please contact Mrs Ashton in confidence so that school can help.

We cannot wait for our children to have this amazing experience!

Important Upcoming Dates



Family Fast Day- Friday 6th October 2023

World Mental Health Day- Tuesday 10th October

All Saints Day- Wednesday 1st November

Class 4 Remembrance Assembly- Thursday 9th November 9.10am

Wellbeing Coffee Afternoon (for Parents/Carers/ grandparents and Parish)- School hall 2-3pm

Odd Socks Day- (Anti-Bullying Week) Monday 13th November

Parents' Evening- Wednesday 8th November and Monday 13th November

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

Contact Us

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. As always, we seek to make communication between home and school as effective as possible. If you have any queries, or would like to contact school, please see the information below.

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