



St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. This is going to be a very exciting term as we work towards embedding a new Religious Education Directory along with our New Welsh Curriculum. We have already pencilled in a whole school educational trip to Llanelli Wetlands Centre for Reception, Year 1 and 2 for 9th October. It might be wise to invest in wellies.

It's Cool to be in School. School Routines: School times have reverted to 8:50 start and 3:15 finish. Please work with us to ensure lessons can start promptly. Our phonics scheme Read Write Inc is delivered daily across all year groups. Late arrivals disrupt session and leave gaps in pupils' learning. Please work with us and avoid booking holidays during school term times. Your child will miss building blocks if you take them out of school. NPT Educational Welfare Officers are working in partnership with school and parents to ensure good attendance.

Putting Christ at the Centre Please could you make an effort to take your child to Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday. Our Parish priests Monsignor Joseph (St Joseph's), Father Andriez (Our Lady of Margam) and Father Krzys are looking forward to seeing you. **Next Family Schools Mass in St Joseph's Parish Sunday 8th October at 10:00**

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) You may have heard a lot about this in the media. In our school we use the scheme 'Life to the Full' which is approved by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It fulfils the legal requirements whilst being firmly rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church. We have delivered this for the last three years and it is a very good programme which is written to be age and stage appropriate. Themes covered include Created and Loved by God, Created to love others and Created to live in a community.

Free School Meal Offer All children can access Free School Meals this year. Please take advantage of this offer.

Why pay £2 Snack money? We all have high expectations- In our Catholic school we want every child to be curious and active. We want every child to have the offer of fruit daily as part of their 5 A Day. This small pot of money is also used to top up arts and craft resources, watch out for fantastic art work coming your way!

Voluntary Contribution Building Fund (£2 weekly voluntary contribution) As a Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 15% of any major works. As a community we are very proud of our school and are striving to provide the very best for your child. Huge

School Website: <https://st-josephs-catholic-infant-school1.j2bloggy.com/>

thanks to those families who have contributed financially. If families are not in a position to pay £2 weekly for the Building Fund, then we completely understand.

Recycling Uniform

If you have any out- grown winter coats that are clean and of an excellent quality please send them into school for recycling.

Community Links

Our Family Links Nurturing Programme is already up and running on Wednesday at 9:00 am in the cabin(side yard). Come along and meet Victoria and Chris, a warm welcome awaits.

Events for the Diary:

Class Assemblies:	Date	Time
Reception Mrs Mapp/ Mrs Torrance	Wed 18 th October	9:15
Reception /Year 1 Mrs James	Wed 25 th October	9:15
Year 1 / Year 2 Mrs Turner	Wed 11 th October	9:15
Year 2 Mrs Owen	Wed 4 th October	9:15

Term Dates: **INSET: Monday 6th November 2023**

Half Term Holiday : Break on Friday 27th (Half term week October 30th – November 3rd)

Christmas Holiday: Break Thursday 21st December

INSET: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term: January 8th – 9th February 2024 (Half term 12- 16th February 2024)

INSET: Monday 19th February

Easter Holidays: 25th March – 5th April 2024

Summer Term: 8th April 2024

INSET: Friday 3rd May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

INSET: Monday 3rd June 2024

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2024



