



St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring 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 lots of activities and events planned for the children this term so please take the time to read and make notes of the dates on this newsletter. More information will be sent closer to the time.

It's Cool to be in School. School Routines: School times are 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 Mass in St Joseph's Parish Sunday 25th February at 10:00**

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)

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.

Also, come and join us for 'Stay and Play' on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30 in the Cabin.

Events for the Diary:

Family Engagement Sessions:	Date	Time
Year 2 – Mrs Owen	Monday 11 th March	9:15
Year /2 Mrs Turner	Tuesday 12 th March	9:15
Reception/Year 1 Mrs James	Thursday 14 th March	9:15
Reception Mrs Torrance	Friday 15 th March	9:15

Following on from our successful October pumpkin carving sessions, we would like to offer you the chance to come into school with your child to make an Easter card. Google a design, bring some crafty bits and get creative!

St David's Day March 1st – Dress in Welsh national costume/rugby/football/red tops. We will attend Mass in St Joseph's Church. Time TBC

Welsh Week – March 4 – 6 Bring in a flower pot and daffodil bulb. We will provide soil and children can decorate the pots in school.

World Book Day March 7th – Dress as your favourite character from a book. More information to follow.

Tuesday March 19th – Feast of St Joseph. Children will attend Mass in St Joseph's and wear red. Time TBC

Easter Events

Monday March 18th – Easter Service pm Time TBC

Thursday March 21st – Easter Egg Hunt (in school)

Friday March 22nd – Easter Bonnet Parade pm Time TBC

We will also be holding an Easter raffle and are asking for donations of Easter eggs to make hampers.

Spring Term: January 8th – 22nd March 2024 (Half term 12- 16th February 2024)

INSET: Monday 19th February

Easter Holidays: 25th March – 5th April 2024

Summer Term: 8th April 2024



