



# St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the summer holidays. Their behaviour and commitment to learning has been impeccable in this first week. This is thanks to you as their first educators. We look forward to working in partnership with you and as always this promises to be an exciting term!

Mrs Turner will be Acting head teacher until October half term when Mrs Barbara Murphy joins us as the head teacher.

**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:** As a Catholic school, our faith and the Gospel values permeate everything we do. With this in mind, please do try to take your children to Mass on the weekends. Even if you have not been for a while, why not take this opportunity to make a fresh start.

## St Joseph Parish.

Cwmavon church. Saturday evening at 5pm.

St Joseph's church Saturday evening 6pm. Sunday morning 8.30 and 10am

## Margam Parish

Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday morning 10am

## Briton Ferry

Sunday Morning at 9.30

**Next Family Mass in St Joseph's Parish Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10am (More information to follow)**

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

**Snack money.** We offer all children fruit and milk at breaktime. Please could you provide £2 every Monday to contribute towards the cost of fruit. You can also choose to pay half termly or termly. This half term is 8 weeks. We would be grateful if you could send this money in in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

**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 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. You may pay with cash or on Parent Pay.

### **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. If you require any spare uniform, please ask! We have lots here to be shared with our families.

### **Community Links**

**Our playgroup will commence on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> in the dinner hall at 1.15 – 2.15. Please join us!**

### **Wraparound Care**

**We are delighted to be able to offer nursery children wraparound care in St Joseph's Infant school from Monday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be run by Funky Footsteps creche. If you would like more information, please contact Funky Footsteps on 016390898902**

### **Events for the Diary:**

We will be holding Family Engagement sessions again this term. More information will follow.

### **Term Dates:**

**INSET: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**Half Term Holiday** : Break on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> (Half term week October 27<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>)

**INSET: Monday December 8th**

**Christmas Holiday:** Break Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Mrs S.Turner**



