



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Truth, Love, Compassion

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Our Ethos Statement for next week is:
"I know how to show I am sorry"

Tea Time Club



Remember to support our new Tea Time Club which runs from 3.30pm until 5.30pm each day. Collect your registration form from the office today!

Theatre Trip

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our trip to the theatre next Friday, as we did not receive enough voluntary contributions to enable us to cover the cost of the theatre and the coaches. I understand that some parents may find making contributions difficult, and if this is the case, we may be able to help you if you come in to speak to us. We can claim extra funding for certain children, and we can help you to complete the right application forms if you think you may be eligible. Parents often cite additional school visits as a way in which we could improve our school. I wholeheartedly agree, and when I look back to my school days, the times that stand out the most are the days when we visited exciting places and had fun.

However, school trips incur a cost, and we need parents to support us as much as possible in making this something we can offer at St. Joseph's. When working out the cost of a trip, we set the price as low as possible, and do not look to make a profit from the event. For those of you who made contributions towards the theatre trip, thank you, and your money will be fully refunded. I apologise for any disappointment this may cause some parents, and hope you understand that school funds simply do not stretch to such high levels of subsidisation.

Parking Consultation

I am very aware of the morning/evening congestion that parking issues cause both you as parents, and our neighbours at the front of the school. Before Yorkshire Water rectify the grass verges at the front of the school, I thought I would take the opportunity to try to gain permission from the Council to transform that area into a parking bay. I have been informed that I need to go to consultation first to seek the views of neighbours. Please see below a copy of the consultation letter that was sent out to neighbours on 9th May 2018. It would support our application greatly if you, as parents, were to write a letter to the Council, stating your issues over the lack of appropriate parking space, and concerns over the safety of children crossing the road when it is at its busiest. If you would like to hand your letters into school, I will gladly pass them onto the Council with my application. Please have letters into school by 18th May 2018. Thank you for your support.

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‘Dear Neighbour

RE: PROPOSAL TO ALLEVIATE PARKING AROUND ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Before the roadworks and grass verges in the vicinity are made good by the contractors who have been working here for the past months, I would like to suggest the following proposal, in order to help relieve school congestion along Kennedy Drive and Atlee Drive.

The grass verge outside the front entrance to the school increases in width to the right of the school. This area of grass is large enough to be made into a dropping off bay for parents. This would allow cars to drive in through Churchill Walk, along Atlee Drive, and make quick use of the dropping off bay before driving out again onto Pasture Road. A one-way system with a designated dropping off area would not only ease much of the congestion each morning and afternoon, but would also safeguard children who can sometimes face danger when trying to cross a narrow road amongst parked vehicles and heavy two-way traffic.

Before I approach the Local Authority with this idea, I would like to find out what your thoughts are on the matter. If I have your support, then there will be a greater chance of being granted permission for this to take place.

If you could spare a moment to complete and return the reply slip to school by Friday, 18th May, I would be most grateful. If you have any other thoughts on how to address this matter, I would be interested to read them on the revers of the reply slip.’

Morning Routine

A polite reminder to all parents of children in Key Stage 2: when dropping your child off at school in the morning, could you please refrain from coming into the cloakroom with them and instead, say your goodbyes at the cloakroom door (unless you have an agreed arrangement in place). Our cloakrooms are not very large, and they have to cater for a lot of children who are busy changing their shoes and hanging up their coats etc. We are finding that some children cannot get to their cloakroom pegs due to parents and pushchairs, which then makes them late coming into class, and also presents as a health and safety issue. Please be considerate of the needs of the children. If you need to have a quick word with a member of staff, there are usually people from each class present on the playground. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Daily Mile

Today the daily mile has been launched nationwide with a feature on Good Morning Britain – this morning. Here at St Joseph’s we have been taking part in the Daily Mile for the last 3 weeks. Recently, it was revealed that UK children are now the most overweight in Europe, and activity levels are worryingly low. Combine this with record levels of mental health issues in children and young people and it is clear that, as the adults responsible for the health of our nation’s children, we must act now. If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

Together, we can help to tackle this problem. Every day, hundreds of thousands of children are already getting fit for life by jogging or running with their classmates in the safety of their own playground. Everyone has fun taking part – it is not P.E. and it is not competitive – while building relationships, confidence and resilience.

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This can be summed up in our Five F's:

1. **Fitness** – children become more aware of a healthy lifestyle
2. **Fresh Air** – children thrive on the sights, sounds and seasons
3. **Friends** - children use the language of friendship to support each other, improving their social and leadership skills
4. **Fun** – children enjoy taking part, and this is what makes The Daily Mile so successful
5. **Focus** – daily physical activity helps children concentrate in the classroom and is proven to raise attainment.

[Please ask your child about their daily mile!](#)

Inspire Workshops

Revised dates to be out next week.



WE NEED YOU!

School Entrance

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the school sign wasn't able to be erected over the Bank Holiday weekend. It should hopefully get done this coming weekend instead. It would still be fantastic if you could donate some plants, bulbs, compost and (largish) plant pots so that we can make the front entrance even better. Please leave any donations with the office staff. Thanks for donations already received, and further thanks in anticipation of your continuing support.

School Places

We have some school places available. If you know of any families who are looking for a school placement, please let them know. If our Tea Time Club is a successful as we hope it will be, our school will be great for working parents too.

A few new dates for your diaries...we need volunteers please ☺

In order to do some fund raising for school funds, we are planning to hold the following events in school and would like your help in both the organising them, and helping out on the day. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Bun sale on 23rd May at 3.20 in the school hall – help is needed with donations of buns (whether shop bought or home-made) and with selling them on the day.



Sports day on 25th May during the morning – help is needed with donations of raffle prizes and selling of ice-creams and juice on the day.

Sponsored bounce on 25th May during the afternoon – please help your child to collect as many sponsors as possible.

Race night with fish and child supper on 18th July – help is needed with donations of raffle prizes, and setting up/clearing away in the school hall please.



Celebration Assembly

Please note that there will not be any assemblies next week (week commencing 14th May) due to our Year 6 children sitting their end of Key Stage 2 tests. Please keep them in your prayers as they approach this very important week. Thank you.

Volunteer Readers

We would love to invite you into school to listen to children read, if you have the time. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to volunteer.

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Safeguarding

If you have any concerns over matters of a safeguarding nature, please do speak to a member of staff immediately. Remember, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our children are safe.

Celebration Assembly Certificates:

Parents are warmly invited to see the following children receive their certificates:

Headteacher Award: Riley

FS Class: Nela

Class 1 / 2: Daniellis

Class 3 / 4: Logan

Class 5 / 6: Jessie

Dates for your diary: (please note that further dates will be regularly added)

14 th , 15 th , 16 th , 17 th May	End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests
Thursday 17 th May	Parent Lunch – remember to book your places!
Friday 18 th May	St. Joes Go To Hull! – whole school trip to Hull New Theatre
Tuesday 22 nd May	'Growing Up' talk for Year 6 by school nurse – more details to follow
Thursday 24 th May	May Devotion for the whole school at 2.30pm in school – more details to follow
Friday 25 th May	Sports Day during the morning (change of time due to Mr Butterworth's commitment)
Friday 25 th May	School closes for the Spring Bank holiday
Monday 4 th June	School re-opens for the second half of the Summer term
6 th , 7 th , 8 th June	Year 5 and 6 residential trip
w/c 11 th June	Phonics Screening Check week – full attendance is essential for Year 1 children
Tuesday 12 th June	Year 3/4 class mass at 2.30pm in school – parents welcome
Monday 18 th June	Goole Bike Fest at Goole Academy for Year 5 and 6 children
Tuesday 19 th June	Induction meeting for new parents starting in September 2018 at 4pm
Wednesday 20 th June	Cinema Night for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children
Thursday 21 st June	Cinema Night for Key Stage 2 children
Friday 13 th July	Summer Serenade at 2.30pm – more details to follow
Monday 16 th July	End of year reports are sent home for all children
Tuesday 17 th July	Parent Consultation Evening – no appointment necessary – more details to follow
Friday 20 th July	Leavers' Mass in Church at 10am – all warmly welcome
Friday 20 th July	Celebration Assembly in school at 1.30pm – all warmly welcome
Friday 20 th July	School closes at 2.30pm for the summer holiday
Tuesday 4 th September	School opens for the start of the new academic year

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