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St Joseph's News



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% Attendance – whole school – 93.3% TARGET 94%						
Week ending- 19 th April 2024						
Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.2%	91.3%	94.2%	94.4%	95.3%	92%	92.1%

4th Sunday of Easter – John 10:11-18

'The Good Shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.'

After school clubs

Start back this week. You will have received an email from the organiser to let you know your child has a place in a club for the summer term.

County in the Community club

This club incurs a cost of £2 per session, this is not a free after school club. There are a number of outstanding payments from the Autumn and Spring term. Could we ask you to update your account if you have forgotten please?

Year 3 Penny Whistle lessons

As part of music tuition from Gwent Music, Year 3 will be taking part in a music project where they learn to play a penny whistle. We are really looking forward to seeing how they progress with this in the next few weeks, I'm sure we will be hear them!

Afternoon Disruptions

Many children are being picked up early from school without prior warning. This can be very disruptive for the children and staff. The school day is extremely busy and when children are picked up early from school they miss important parts of their learning as well as leaving work unfinished and missing important messages. Often, we hold assemblies and masses in the afternoon and the whole school gathers together. If children are called out at these times it is very disruptive and embarrassing for them. We appreciate that sometimes this is necessary but please can you let us know if you need to pick your child/ren up early so that we can prepare the staff and the children and keep these disruptions to a minimum.

Angels of God Afternoon Tea

Thank you to this parliament group for providing a wonderful afternoon tea for all our school supporters and volunteers. Thank you also to Mrs Bailey and Miss H Beckett for organising and supporting the children.

Calendar Dates	
Weds 15 th April – Weds 15 th May	Gateway Rugby Y5 (St George)- Every other week
Thursday 18 th Apr- Thurs 9 th May	Y2 (St Francis) County in the Community - weekly
Mon 22 nd Apr	Girls Football Tournament
Weds 24 th April	Y2 class Assembly 2.45pm Parents invited
Fri 26 th April	KS2 Sports Day Parents invited -pm
Weds 1 st May	YR (St Peter) Mary Service 2.45pm
Fri 3 rd May	Whole School Pantomime – Oliver Twist
Wed 1 st May – Fri 3 rd May	Gilwern – Y6 St Teresa
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Thurs 16 th May	Y2 Road Safety Workshop
Thurs 16 th May – Thurs 13 th June	County in the Community – Y1 (St Dwynwen)
Mon 20 th May – Fri 24 th May	Healthy Living Week 1
Fri 24 th May	Caffi Cymraeg – hall 9am
Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd June	Return to School
Mon 3 rd June – Fri 7 th June	Healthy Living Week 2
Thurs 6 th June	Y2 Road Safety Workshop
Weds 12 th June	Class Photographs
Thurs 13 th June	Y2 Road Safety Workshop
Fri 14 th June	Rags to Riches collection
Mon 17 th June – Fri 21 st June	Refugee Week
Thurs 20 th June- Thurs 11 th July	County in the Community YR – (St Paul)
Fri 28 th June	Training Day – school closed to pupils
Mon 1 st July	Training Day – school closed to pupils
Thurs 4 th and Fri 5 th July	Y6 (St Teresa) Transition Days @ SJHS
Tues 9 th July	Year 5/6 Production – Year 5 parents invited. (pm)
Thurs 11 th July	Year 5/6 production Year 6 parents invited. (pm)
Fri 19 th July	End of term

Please keep looking at diary dates as more will be added as the term progresses and we do not want you to miss out on any events that will involve your children.

Training days (school closed to children)

Fri 28th June 2024

Mon 1st July 2024

Bank Holidays (School Closed) Monday 6th May 2024

KS2 Sports Day

Friday 26th April - The children will need to come to school in their school PE kit (navy bottoms/shorts/leggings and light blue polo shirt) and depending on the weather may also need hoodies, coats, sun hats/caps and sun cream.

We will be leaving school at 9.30am on coaches that will take all classes over to the stadium. The children will then take part in sports activities in the morning - no parents please. Please provide a packed lunch and drinks to last for the whole day (no fizzy or energy drinks, no glass bottles). The children will be active all day and will get very thirsty, especially if the weather is warmer.

The afternoon events will start at 12.30 pm and parents are invited to come along and support their children in the track races.

We are aware that some parents may wish to take their children home at **2.30pm** after the races and others may wish for their children to come back to school on the coach.

Please fill in the google link that has been previously sent to you via Parentmail.

Preloved/spare uniform

We are still collecting uniform, please drop it into the office or give items to your child's class teacher.

Date change

Apologies for the error but the Year 5/6 production is on Tuesday 9th July and Thursday 11th July, **NOT** on Wednesday 10th as stated in last week's newsletter.

School Uniform

St. Joseph's School has a distinctive uniform of which we are proud. - school uniform is not optional. If a parent is in any doubt about any item of uniform the Head teacher will gladly assist before a purchase is made. **All items of uniform must be labelled with a child's name.**

The school uniform is as follows:



Autumn/Winter Uniform (After October Half term and up to the Easter break)

Navy school V-neck sweater plain or embroidered with the school logo

Light blue school shirt and striped school tie.

Full length navy tailored trousers

Navy knee length skirt or navy pinafore



Spring/Summer Term Uniform (After Easter and up until October Half term)

Blue and white checked summer dress

Light blue polo shirt

Navy $\frac{3}{4}$ length shorts or full-length navy tailored trousers, skirt or pinafore



Shoes

Black/navy shoes (**No trainers**) - All pupils are required to wear sensible black/navy shoes for school. High heels are not allowed in the interest of the safety your child. We also recommend your child does not wear open toe sandals as they are often required to take part in outdoor learning activities.

PE Uniform

- Light blue polo shirt
- Navy shorts (P.E.)
- Navy jogging trousers/leggings
- Navy sweatshirt

Children can wear trainers as they are more practical for outdoor activities.

The children look very smart both during lessons here and when they represent the school at various sporting events.

Extra items available from Macey Sports include a waterproof jacket, polo shirts with logo, sweaters and cardigans with logo, ties, P.E. bags and book bags. Trousers/skirts/pinafores, navy. PE shorts and gingham dresses are available from High Street stores.

<http://www.maceysports.co.uk/schoolwear/schools/st-josephs-primary>

Jewellery

We have a strict no jewellery policy this includes earrings. Pupils who have their ears pierced will need to cover them with plasters at all times or take out their earrings during the school day.

In recent years we have allowed children to wear watches to school and this is essential in supporting their learning of time. However, watches need to be removed for all PE, swimming and games activities and given to the teacher for safekeeping. Smart watches or watches that take pictures or record audio are not permitted. Children are regularly engaged in outdoor or adventurous activities where jewellery would be a hazard.