



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“learning, growing, belonging ... happy together in God’s family”

Please visit our website that has been updated.

Website: www.stjprimary.co.uk

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please note the flyer sent out last week regarding the vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent. Please seriously consider whether you can be a support to school in this way. The deadline for nominations is Friday 19 January. Thanks!



Bags and Coats

Thank you to those who are trying to reduce the amount of things children bring into school daily. Lots of bags are smaller and therefore better suited to our limited storage space. Children should have their PE kits in school in PE bags on Mondays and take them home on Fridays. Each day the children should bring in their coats, water bottle, their blue book bag and packed lunch. Nothing else is needed. Thank you for your support.



Class Masses

On Wednesday, Fr Malcolm celebrated Mass with Y5. He will do likewise with the Y5/6 and Y6 classes. Please feel free to join us for these Masses. See below for dates and times:

- Y5/6 Wednesday 17 January at 2.25pm in class
- Y6 Wednesday 24 January at 2.25pm in class





In today's assembly we recognised the following children for outstanding performance this week:

Oscar Hudson, Isaac Pennington, Evie Holford, Ella Gilmore, Max Holford, Ellen Fairhurst,

Olivia Barr, Harrison McIlhone, Dylan McDermott, Joshua Daintith, Nicholas Oates,

Oscar Sloane, Paige Collins, Scarlet Southward, Max Charnley, Finn Hammill,

Ben Hughes, Thomas Golding, Grace Leigh, Andre Pereira, Keira Watson, Mollie Gillibrand,

Connie Oliver-Osborne



Doctors/ Dentist Appointments

All routine check ups and appointments must be made outside of school hours or in holidays. We do appreciate that sometimes emergency appointments are required and these may be in school time but this should not be the norm.

Taking a child out of a class not only disturbs the teaching of your child but also the teaching of the whole class so please can such interruptions be kept to a minimum.



Before and After School Clubs

Details for these Clubs can be found on our website so please refer to this for timings etc.

If a Club needs to be cancelled for any reason we will send a Ping.



Homework

As previously mentioned in the newsletter we are going to be changing our current homework practice. This will be as follows:

Key Stage 1

Weekly spellings to be learned for a spelling test (no sentences)

Reading

Number bonds or times tables

In the run up to SATs Year 2 will send homework different to the above. Parents will be informed of any changes at that time.

Key Stage 2

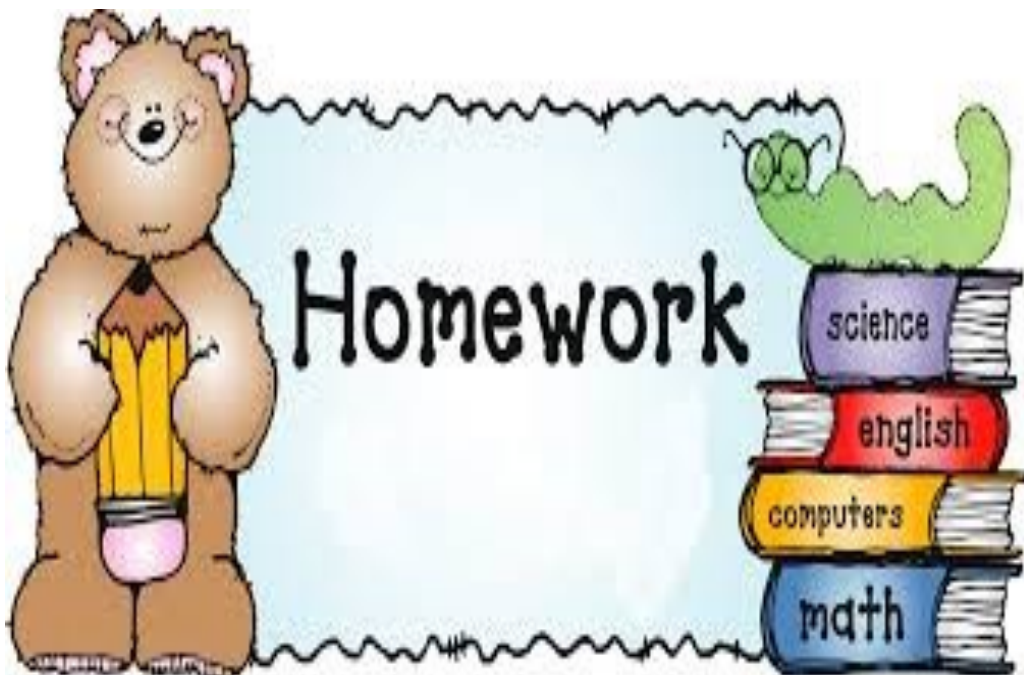
Weekly spellings to be learned for a spelling test (no sentences)

Reading

Times Table using TT Rockstars (see attached information sheet)

In the run up to SATs Year 6 will send homework different to the above. Parents will be informed of any changes at that time.

Key Stage 2 are currently trialling TT Rockstars for 4 weeks. After the trial period this will be reviewed and parents will be informed if this will continue. We welcome any feedback you have on this programme over the next 4 weeks. Your child will have a username and password that will be sent home with them and the attached information sheet explains how to use this programme.





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Shop at nearly 3000 well known retailers listed at <http://easyfundraising.org.uk> website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to St Joseph's PFA **at no additional cost** to you 😊

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With Christmas Shopping season with us it is a fantastic way to raise more funds for the School.

Please register to support us today every time you shop online at –

<http://tinyurl.com/stjoesef>

Any questions then please contact the PFA by email at contact@stjosephspfa.org.uk and we will be glad to help 😊

Dates for your Diary

January 2018

Wednesday 17th January— Year 5/6 Mass in the classroom at 2.25pm

Wednesday 17th January—Parents meeting for safety at 6pm

Monday 22nd January—1st Communion enrolment mass (Year 4) 6.30pm

Wednesday 24th January—Year 6 Mass in the classroom at 2.25pm

February 2018

Thursday 1st February—SATs meeting for Year 6 parents—3.30pm to 4.00pm

March 2018

Monday 5th March—SATs meeting for Year 2 parents—3.30pm—4.00pm

June 2018

Wednesday 20th June—First Eucharist Mass (Year 4) time 6.30pm

“Did you know that you are automatically a member of our School's Parents & Friends Association (PFA)? If you would like to know more, please visit the PFA page on the School's