



Autumn First Half Term 2019

A copy of this newsletter can be found on our school website
www.washingtonstjosephs.com.

Please put this somewhere safe as it contains a great deal of important information!

It is wonderful to see our children after their summer break. They always come back much bigger than they left. We thank you for your kind words and best wishes as we said goodbye to Mr Morris and we welcome Mr. O'Keeffe, our new Deputy Headteacher

Nursery and Reception

It is beautiful to see our new starters taking their first steps into St Joseph's. Mams, Dads and Grandparents keep being brave. The kids will be fine, it's you we worry about!

Facebook/Twitter/Website

It is increasingly common for schools to use Facebook and Twitter as a form of communication with parents and a way of sharing key events as they happen in school. Remember to visit our school website where you can find everything from policies to class pages.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswashington>

Twitter - [stjoswashington](https://twitter.com/stjoswashington)

Afterschool clubs - these begin week commencing 16th September 2019.

Uniform and P.E. Kits

The children are all looking smart but we already have some lost property! We cannot stress enough the importance of labelling ALL your child's clothes and belongings. Staff will always try to help locate lost items but without names inside this can be very frustrating and near impossible. All uniform, including PE kit and book bags can be purchased at Little Gems in the Galleries.

Family Mass

Again, this year we warmly invite all our families to join us at Sunday Mass, 11am at Our Lady's Church. Once a month, on the last Sunday of each month, we invite our school community, families and parish community to worship together. Our first Family Mass is on Sunday 29th September- we look forward to seeing you there.

Masses and Liturgies

Please come and be part of these celebrations, they are an important part of our school life and your children love seeing you there.

Autumn Term Class Masses, Class Liturgies and Family Masses

Date	Year Group	Time	Location
Thursday 19 th September	Year 5 Welcome Mass	9.30am	Our Lady's Church
Sunday 29 th September	Family Mass	11am	Our Lady's Church
Friday 4 th October	Year 3 Liturgy - CAFOD Family Fast Day	9.10am	School Hall
Friday 18 th October	Year 2 Liturgy	9.10am	School Hall
Thursday 24 th October	Harvest Mass Year 6	9.30am	Our Lady's Church
Sunday 27 th October	Family Mass	11am	Our Lady's Church

Friday 22 nd November	Year 1 Liturgy	9.10am	School Hall
Sunday 24 th November	Family Mass	11am	Our Lady's Church
Thursday 5 th December	Year 4 Mass	9.30am	Our Lady's Church
Monday 16 th December	Year 2 - Year 6 Carol Service	2pm	Our Lady's Church

Restart a Heart Day

Last year our children celebrated The North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust World Restart a Heart Day on Tuesday 16th October and launched our Defibrillator fundraiser to provide an external defibrillator for our school, parish and village community. We are pleased to announce the defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed in the Autumn term. It will be located on the external wall of the parish rooms.

Harvest Food

This year our Harvest food collection will be donated to the Washington Community Food Project based at Oxclose Church. We invite donations of tins and other dried foods for this cause. Our collection will begin on **Monday 21st October - Thursday 24th October** as we give thanks for our harvest of plenty in our whole school harvest Mass.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 4th October

As part of our charitable work there will be a collection will be taken on the way into Year 3 Liturgy on **Friday 4th October** for CAFOD. We suggest each child donates the cost of a packet of their favourite sweets. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parents Evening

We will be holding parents evening this term on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October.** Letters will be sent out nearer the time. Due to Miss Unsworth being on a course Y6 parents evening will take place on **Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October.**

Remembrance Day

Our current Year 6 will plan and lead us in a Whole School Remembrance Day Service on the yard at 9am on **Monday 11th November** weather permitting. Please stay on the yard and join us for our service.

Anti-Bullying

Our school counsellor, Emma, will re-join us this year and lead our new Bully-Busting Team. A day of Anti-Bullying Workshops will take place on Thursday 7th November, led by Emma. House Groups on Friday 8th November will prepare the children for Anti-Bullying Week. We will celebrate Anti-Bullying Week between Monday 11th and Thursday 14th November. During this week each class will prepare a Bully-Busting Rap and new Bully Busters from each KS2 class will be announced.

Payments to school

Payment can be made for clubs, trips, music lessons and school meals by cash, cheque or using the on-line payment system. **Cheques must be made payable to Trinity Catholic MAT.**

Children in Need- Friday 15th November - information on our plans to fundraise after half term

School Dinners and Packed Lunches

We are delighted to see so many KS1 pupils having a school lunch however, we cannot accommodate changes between packed lunch and school dinners without two weeks' notice. Lunch money must be paid on a **Monday morning £2.20 per day (£11 per week) in cash or by cheque made payable to Trinity Catholic MAT, in a packet** clearly marked with your child's name and class via your child's class teacher or through our online service at Sunderland City Council website 'Pay for it' <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=7866>. Dinner money will not be accepted at the office. If your child is in KS1 and is having a packed lunch I must inform you that the kitchen can provide a packed lunch as part of the KS1 Free School Meals provision.

A Reading Army

A huge thank you to all our parents who gave their time to help out regularly in classes last year. Parent volunteers are a valuable addition to any class. Could you spare an hour or two to join our 'Reading Army'? Please see Mrs Lawton or Mrs Johnson.

Our Autumn themed recommended reading is-

EYFS - Hibernation Hotel by John Kelly and Laura Brenlla

KS1- Leo: A Ghost Story by Mac Barnett

KS2- Fox Friend by Michael Morpurgo

Why not visit the library to find these recommended books and let us know how you get on!

For wonderful advice on helping your child to read, please visit <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk>

Earrings, jewellery and nail varnish

Children should not be wearing earrings or jewellery in school as it is a genuine danger to their safety. There are no exceptions to this rule. Please ensure all nail varnish is removed as make-up is not permitted in school.

Aldi Sticker Promotion

To help support Get Set to Eat Fresh and its aims, Aldi's Kit for Schools is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a healthy legacy for their school. Every time you, your family, friends or neighbours spend £30 in an Aldi store you will receive a special Team GB athlete sticker. If we manage to collect 300 stickers between now and 3rd November, we can enter this promotion. We are so confident this is achievable, so please start sending in your stickers -thank you!

Wrap-around Care

St Joseph's has two external independent providers providing wrap around care. Buttons Breakfast club runs from 7.54am until the start of the school day, in the school hall. Village Kidz provide after-school childcare and pick up directly from our yard with the provision situated in the Parish Rooms (located in our car park).

As these are being run by external organisations, staff at school cannot answer any queries you have on this and all questions and queries should be made directly with :

Stacey Button (SBCC) telephone 07946490096 for Buttons Breakfast Club

Mrs Muir and Mrs Jacklin via their Village Kidz Facebook page for afterschool childcare

Safeguarding

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School safeguards and protects its pupils and staff and is committed to respond in accordance with Sunderland Local Safeguarding children Board procedures. Mrs Black is the Designated Safeguarding Officer and Mr O'Keeffe and Mrs Swanston are the Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officers.

Important Dates

Friday 13th September - Year 4 trip to Beamish
Monday 16th September - Y3 Forest School
Thursday 19th September - Welcome Mass Year 5 to lead
Thursday 26th September - European Day of Languages
Sunday 29th September - Family Mass
Monday 30th September - Y5 Forest School
Friday 4th October FAMILY FAST DAY - collection at the start of Liturgy
Friday 4th October - Year 3 Liturgy
Friday 18th October - Year 2 Liturgy
Monday 21st October - Thursday 24th October - Harvest Food Collection
Monday 21st October - Y4 Forest School
Tuesday 22nd October - Top Table Tuesday
Tuesday 22nd October /Wednesday 23rd October - Parents' Evening
Thursday 24th October - Harvest Mass Year 6 to lead
Sunday 27th October - Family Mass
HALF TERM Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
Monday 11th November - Thursday 14th November Anti-bullying Week
Monday 11th November - Yr6 Remembrance Service
Friday 15th November - Children in Need
Friday 22nd November - Year 1 Liturgy
Sunday 24th November - Family Mass
Thursday 5th December - Year 4 Mass
Monday 9th December - Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 10th December- Nursery Nativity parents/carers welcome 9.30am
Tuesday 10th December - Reception Nativity with Year 1 choir - parents/carers welcome 2pm
Wednesday 11th December- Reception Nativity with Year 1 choir - parents/carers welcome 9.30am
Monday 16th December - Carol Service 2pm in Our Lady's Church - all welcome to join us
Tuesday 17th December - Top Table Tuesday
Tuesday 17th December - Year 3/4/5 Christmas party afternoon
Wednesday 18th December- Nursery Christmas party morning
Wednesday 18th December- Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party afternoon
Thursday 19th December- Reception/Year 6 Christmas party afternoon
Friday 20th December - Annual Christmas Sing-along

Children break up on Friday 20th December and return on Tuesday 7th January as there is a staff INSET day on Monday 6th January.

All dates and times are correct at time of going to print.