

# Newsletter

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The Federation of St. Joseph's Catholic Junior,  
Infant and Nursery Schools



June 2017

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. We have observed the national minute silences for those killed and injured in Manchester and then more recently in London. It is a sad and worrying time for us all and I am sure you will be supportive of the action we have taken in terms of cancelling all London visits. I do agree that we should be resilient and carry on as normal however I feel at the moment the risks are too high for our children. We continue to pray for families who have lost loved ones so cruelly and for our emergency services whom have shown enormous bravery.

On a more positive note many thanks to: Mrs Mangan and Mr Kavanagh for their impeccable organisation of our 2017 School Games Day. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. The children were a credit to our school community and truly entered into the spirit of the games. It was great to see our pre-school children and parents race as well. Congratulations to Red Team - St Catherine's for winning.

Team	Scores
St Catherine	1297
St Francis	1146
St Sebastian	1092
St Cecilia	1055

The weather was glorious and it was wonderful to see so many parents and families coming together over lunchtime. We are having a lot of sporting success this academic year and will have four teams represented at the London School Games on the 6<sup>th</sup> July: Two Gymnastics teams, one basketball team and one sports hall athletics team. This is incredibly good and I would like to once again congratulate and thank the teams and their coaches - Mrs Mangan, Mr Kavanagh and Mr Abraha (Basketball coach)

## Polling Day

As you know Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June is the date of the general election. Ours school is being used as Polling Station and therefore we shall be closed. The school will reopen on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June as normal.

## Mornings

Please could we remind parents that coming in to see teachers just before the start of the school day is not possible. Teachers need to be with their classes from 8:45am. If you need to see a teacher please book an appointment or catch them after school at the infant doors or on the junior playground. Alternatively you can leave a message at either office which can be passed on to the classteacher.

## Lunch Accounts and school meal payments.

Please ensure your child's lunch account is kept in credit. The school operates a zero debt policy. Accounts cannot go into overdraft.

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please visit [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) and you will be provided with an immediate response; the school will also be notified if your child is eligible.

Parents of pupils in the current Year 2 may be especially encouraged to look at eligibility for free school meals as their child's entitlement to a Universal Infant Free School Meal will stop at the end of this term. For Year 2 pupils moving into Year 3 in September 2016, parents need to look into eligibility on the above website as early as possible this term in order to establish if their child is eligible for a Free School Meal. The school also benefits from additional funds for every pupil receiving Free School Meals

Please could we ask that you provide information about any income received from benefits. It is so that we can provide them with the best education and support by making sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled. Please contact the school office for a form or use the link attached so that we can check eligibility. Even though infant children receive free meals we can still claim government funding for children whose parents are in receipt of specific benefits. Additional funding is particularly important when budgets are being cut and costs are rising.

## Year 6 and PGL

Y6 will be away from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This year the staff attending are: Mrs T Lawlor, Mrs N Carter, Mrs F McGrath, Ms S Long, Mrs M Mangan and Miss F Langford Jackson. We wish children and staff a happy and safe trip.

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## Moving on : new classes

The children will be entering into transition activities in order to prepare for the next academic year. All children will meet their new teachers on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Information on staff allocations to classes will be with you shortly.

## Science week

This week is science week the children will be involved with science based activities. On Wednesday we shall be taking part in an African Garden project all day. We will have a group of children from across the school, some teachers, a representative group of parents and governors getting involved with transforming a space on the infant site. My thanks to Mrs Koranteng, (Year 20 class teacher and science lead), for organising the week and the activities as well as the African Garden project.

## Website

Please do sign up for news items and events on our website. [www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk)

## PTA

Please do follow the PTA on Facebook and find out what they are planning. The next big event will be the summer fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## Feast of St Peter and Paul

This year the feast falls on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We shall be celebrating mass for the children. I shall provide further information nearer the time. Parents will be very welcome to join us.

## Forthcoming events

We look forward to seeing you at the many different events listed below.

5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Science week
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	FGM – parents workshop
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	FGM pupil workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> June– 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 away at PGL
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Catholic Sports – St James the Great New to Nursery parents meeting – 6.30pm infant hall
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	St Peter and Paul feast day Mass at VFPC TBA
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	New to Reception Parents meetings 6.30pm – infant hall
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Infant Sports Day ( small infant group) – am St Thomas Becket School
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2pm – Orchestra concert- junior hall PTA discos
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Y3 – Holy Communion Mass and Y2 transition mass New to Y3 parents meetings 10.30am and 6.00pm Y6 Disco 5.30pm – 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Optional parents evenings 3.30pm – 5pm Y6 leavers mass at 6.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Y6 Production PM
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Children to meet new class teachers Thanksgiving Mass 6.30pm – VFPC.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>Close for summer break</b>

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