

# Newsletter

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



October 2017

We are all a month in to the new term and academic year and I trust all have settled back well. I was happy to see the good response to our curriculum presentation evenings as well as support for our maths week opportunities and the parent workshop. With the term well underway I would like to draw your attention to the list of forthcoming events and also to the website calendar. Information on what is happening around school is also posted on the school gates. I know it can be a little overwhelming when there is so much going on but please feel assured that you are all welcome to attend.

As you know I will be leaving the school at the end of term. I have been working with the governors and the schools' leadership team to ensure there is a strong staffing structure going forward until the substantive headteacher is recruited and appointed. From January 2018 Mrs Lisa Kelly will be the Headteacher in an acting capacity. The Headteacher post will be advertised in October 2017. Mrs Natalie Carter will be Acting Deputy Headteacher and Mrs C Stylianou will be the Infant School Assistant Headteacher. The leadership of the school is supported and strengthened by Mrs Cilla Finery -Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Manager, Mrs F McGrath - KS2 phase lead and Maths Lead, Miss S Long - KS2 phase lead and English Lead and Miss N Todd EYFS phase lead. I am confident that you will give the future team your full support.

We have good news to announce - Mrs N Carter (assistant headteacher) is expecting a baby in spring 2018. We are delighted for her and her husband and wish them a happy and healthy pregnancy.

## School open day - 12<sup>th</sup> October

Please do come along if your child will be starting Reception or Nursery in September 2018. Please tell your friends and neighbours as we would like to welcome as many prospective parents and families as possible.

## Gold Mark

Congratulations to Mrs Mangan and Mr Kavanagh for winning the Gold School Games award for the third year in a row. The assessors looked at the evidence late in July and were happy to reaccredit the school. This is a great achievement and well deserved.

## Coffee Morning for McMillan Cancer Support

Thank you to Mrs. DeJesus and the whole school community for their support of this wonderful charity. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Over £800 has been raised. This is a fantastic effort! Well done to all concerned.

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## Safeguarding

We work together to safeguard our children and school community. We encourage partnerships with all visitors to the school, and work hard to maintain mutual respect and recognition of shared responsibility for the children. This is set out in our Home School Agreement and ICT acceptable Use Policies.

However, in a very small minority of cases, the behaviour of a small minority can cause disruption, resulting in abusive or aggressive behaviour towards staff or other members of our school community.

This will not be tolerated. All members of the school community have a right to expect that their school is a safe place.

## PTA - Parent, Teacher Association.

The PTA had a productive AGM meeting and elected a new chair. I very much look forward to working with the PTA over the next few months. **They will be advertising non-uniform days on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** The success of the Christmas Fair relies heavily on donations from parents and I would ask that you adhere to the rules of a non-uniform day. Children are allowed to wear home clothes **ONLY** if they bring in a donation of either a bottle for the bottle tombola or sweets. More information will be provided nearer the time. Please do support the PTA the children love being involved.

## Music

Helen Cale our strings teacher will be leaving the school after 16 years of loyal and dedicated service. Helen has contributed a great deal to our children and to the high standards of music and instrumental playing that exist at St Joseph's. I would like to wish Helen all the very best for the future and with her new and exciting job. We will keep you informed about the replacement teacher.

## School playground and environment

A belated thank you to Mrs ..... and last year's class 4M (currently 5M) for the work they did on the junior playground just before the summer break. Mrs Luczak worked with colleagues and pupils from her school and produced wonderful artwork. The focus is 'reaching for the stars' and living out the 'spirit of the games' philosophy. It looks incredible! Many thanks to Mrs Luczak And Mia for their vision and hard work. Thank you to Mr McEvoy for the planting and managing of the grounds maintenance. Thank you to Mrs Kabanova for helping to maintain the growing areas outside class E. Fund raising for the infant playground continues and we hope to be able to install some large apparatus play equipment soon

## Irish Dancing School

Irish dancing classes with The Rose School of Irish Dancing are starting in our junior hall on a Thursday evening from Thursday 28th September for all children age 3+. Contact Amy after 5pm on 07808084550 for

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information. The Rose school of Irish dancing has a Facebook and Instagram page - @theroseschoolis. It's a great way to meet new friends, have fun and keep fit!

## Website

Our web site includes up to date information. We would welcome more subscribers to the site and more followers on Facebook and Twitter. Please do also follow the PTA Facebook page which has lots of useful information about local events as well as school events and photographs.

[www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk)

## Holidays and Absences from school

Please note by way of a reminder we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time.

## Forthcoming events

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	-Grandparent's Day Lunch (invite for lunch)
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	2J Class assembly
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Reception Curriculum information- 9:15am
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Open Day – HT talk at 9am and conducted tours from 10am
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	International Week-
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	International Food sharing
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Break for half term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Return to School
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Infant coffee morning
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2O class assembly
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents evenings Rec – Y6

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