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NEWSLETTER



The children have settled well into their new classes and look very smart in their uniform.

Please encourage your child to wear their uniform every day and ensure that appropriate footwear is worn for school. In the interests of Health and Safety no jewellery is to be worn at school (if earrings are worn, small stud earrings only are permitted. These must be removed or covered for P.E.). Children with long hair must have it tied back. Please note that shaved patterns/ styles in hair are not appropriate for school.

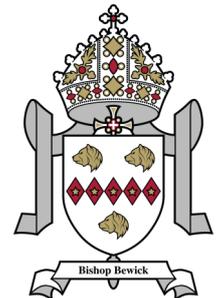
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Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust

As you will all be aware, we have converted to become an academy and joined the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust as of 1st October, 2021.

The creation of the four Education Trusts across the diocese is part of Bishop Robert's long term plan to secure an excellent Catholic education for all children within the Diocese. There should be no noticeable changes in the day to day running of the school, but our long term collaborative working within the Trust will ensure that we continue to go from strength to strength.



School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Children do remove their sweatshirts on a number of occasions throughout the day. Given that all items of uniform look very similar, it is essential that clothing is labelled so that children go home in the same clothes they arrived in!

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We have a stock of good 'almost new' uniform in school. If any family would like spare uniform then please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or office.

Alternatively, this stock of uniform can be accessed on a Wednesday after school (on the yard or from the downstairs Meeting Room). We would appreciate a small contribution per item. Please do make use of this stock of

uniform as it is a shame to see it go to waste, particularly as some children grow out of their clothes so quickly!

When ordering uniform, please note that having the school logo on items of uniform is entirely **optional**. As long as children are in the colours of our uniform, school has no preference as to whether children have the logo on their uniform or not.

To order school uniform go to our website and click on the 'UNIFORM' tab or visit tots to team direct at totstoteams.com

Orders can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address for a small charge. School does not hold new stock. New uniform is **only** available from the supplier, Tots to Teams.

First Holy Communion



The programme of preparation for children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin this term with a Mass of Commitment on

Friday 15th October, 2021 at St Bede's Church.

If you would like your child to take part in this programme then please ensure you return the consent form.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Broadhead or Miss Mathews.

Reading.

As you know we place a great emphasis on the importance of reading and developing a love of books. Your child will bring their reading folder and book home every day. Daily practice is essential for children to make good progress. We are very fortunate to have a number of volunteers who come into school each week to help children practise their reading. We are always looking for [more](#), so if you have an hour to spare each week we would love to hear from you. Please speak to your child's class teacher. Please practise reading with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent from school, you must ring us each morning of absence to inform us of the reason. Please do so by calling 0191 2739063, selecting option 1 and [leave a message clearly stating your child's name, class and reason for absence.](#)

Alternatively, email school at absence@stjosephsrprimary.co.uk



Health and Safety

A few reminders..

Road Safety

Please park with consideration. Do not park on the yellow school markings. Children and parents leaving school at the end of the day must be able to do so safely - **they need to see and be seen!**

Please be aware that the school mini buses are used throughout the week for a variety of visits and activities.

The entrance to school **must be kept clear** with the **yellow school markings** clear of **ALL** traffic to allow access for the mini buses in order to return children safely to school at the end of the school day.



School Improvements

We are delighted with the building works completed during the holidays including resurfacing of the school playground and the final phase of installation of new windows.

Online Safety

All children from Year 3 to Year 6 have signed the Online Safety Code of Conduct for Pupils. A copy of this will be sent home with your child. Please read through this with your child and then sign and return the slip on the letter as requested. Thank you.



Mobile Phones

We would appreciate mobile phones not being used by parents/carers in school or on the playground. This means there are no distractions when greeting your child at the end of the school day.

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Parent Governor

Following the request for a parent governor to join the local governing committee of St Joseph's, we are delighted that Marta Redzko has agreed to take on this role. Ms Redzko is a parent of two children who attend St Joseph's.

Policies

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 2021-2022 is available on our website. One of the many things that children learn when they come to school is how to keep themselves and others safe. Please share the correct age-related child friendly policy with your child so that you can be part of this learning with them.

Dates for your Diary

Term Times & Holidays

Term times and Holidays 2021-22 on website

Training Day Friday 22 October, 2021

Parent telephone consultations for all children

Telephone Consultations for all parents and carers of children in school, will take place

Week beginning 18 October, 2021

Please ensure you return the slip so that teachers are able to call at a time that is convenient for you.

School Photos

Individual Photos (including sibling links)

Wednesday 24 November, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

At St Joseph's we aim to promote a learning community based on the Gospel values of Love, Trust and Respect, where the achievements of everyone are recognised and celebrated.

School Website

Please remember to check our website regularly for information and updates.

www.stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk



*Living, Learning and Loving
together with Christ.*