



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



**Re: Careers' Week**

In spring 2023, St. Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools would like to hold a Careers' Week (likely to be around Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January - although this may be subject to change). To assist with our planning, we are therefore looking for a diverse range of occupations to be explained to the children in 30-minute sessions, across KS2 classes, and on a smaller scale, in KS1.

Once we have a comprehensive list, we will start to plan a timetable and will try our hardest to accommodate as many careers as possible.

Please do not be shy in coming forward! It is vital for children to receive careers information, at various stages within their school life. We will contact you in due course, once we have arranged a timetable. Please note that you don't have to prepare a PowerPoint presentation - you may choose to describe your career via a hands-on experience.

Click the link, or scan the QR code, to complete the Microsoft Form. <https://forms.office.com/r/sQp6eXZJ8E>. Thank you for your time and support.

**Reception Parental Workshops:** We have put two more dates in the calendar for Reception Workshops:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Stay and Play and Tapestry Information - 8:45am for a 9am start  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Rocket Phonics Workshop – 8:45am for a 9am start  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Reception Mathematics Workshop - 8:45am for a 9am start

**Year 1 Parental Workshops:** We have also put another date in the calendar for a Year 1 workshop for the spring term.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Rocket Phonics Workshop – 8:45am for a 9am start  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 1 Mathematics Workshop - 8:45am for a 9am start

**Book Fayre:** Scholastic have now agreed to send us the full primary range of books, so we will be able to bring a series of books to the infants to hold our book fayre there, too! If we don't have enough books, we can complete order forms for titles that parents wish to purchase. Providing the forms are submitted prior to the day before the books are due to be collected, Scholastic have promised to deliver them to us, when they collect the leftover books.



**Breakfast Club:** Please remember that Breakfast Club is being conducted on a trial basis – at present, numbers at the juniors look very healthy, but numbers at the infants are not as high. If you are considering using breakfast club, then please feel free to book your child a place and come along.

**Birthdays:** We will always celebrate a child's birthday by singing 'Happy birthday' to our pupils on their special day. However, in keeping with our food and healthy eating policies, we ask you to save birthday cakes and sweets to share at home, or parties, and to not bring them into school. We must carefully document allergens served across all products in school and have several children with a range of severe life-threatening allergies. We thank you for your understanding. We know that birthdays are special times - and we will continue celebrate your child's special day with them.



**Dates for the Diary (Please note that dates are subject to change):**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Parents and Pupils – Stay and Play and an Introduction to Tapestry at 8:45am for a 9am start

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics (Selected pupils) PM

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Eco-Council from KS2 and selected pupils at random from KS1 to attend Baltic exhibition

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Inter-house School KS2 Junior Basketball Competition as part of Grassroots provision

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day – Mass in Church 10am**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Eco-Council planting in local community (weather permitting)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening (Year 1 additional session)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Wear your Odd Socks Day to support Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Phonics Workshops for Parents – 8:45am for 9am start

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Introduction to Key Stage 2 Assessment Evening – 4pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Spot or Stripe-tacular Day Voluntary Contribution of £1

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Liz Twist MP for KS2 Assembly

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Scholastic Book Fair at Juniors (after-school)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Gymnastics Club Gymnastics Festival

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Performance - 10am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Performances - 10am and 2pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Service – 5pm at St. Joseph's RC Church, Birtley

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Singing Clubs to sing at Komatsu

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Rocket Phonics Workshop – 8:45am for a 9am start

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Admission portal closes for Reception and Year 3 admissions – parents need to apply for places for infant pupils transferring to junior school**

**Please note that St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Saturday Night Vigil Mass commences at 5:00pm on Saturday evenings – you would be most welcome to attend.**

**Weekday Masses occur at Church, on most Tuesdays (7pm), Thursdays (12 noon) and Fridays (10am).**

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