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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Re: Careers' Week

In spring 2023, St. Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools would like to a hold a Careers' Week (likely to be around Monday 16th 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.

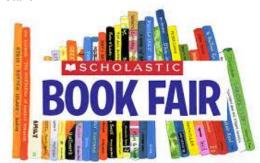
Reception Parental Workshops: We have put two more dates in the calendar for Reception Workshops:

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

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

Tuesday I5th November – Year I Rocket Phonics Workshop – 8:45am for a 9am start Friday 3rd February – Year I 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.

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

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

Tuesday 8th November - Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics (Selected pupils) PM

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

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

Friday 11th November - Remembrance Day - Mass in Church 10am

Friday I Ith November - Eco-Council planting in local community (weather permitting)

Monday 14th November – Parents' Evening (Year 1 additional session)

Monday 14th November - Wear your Odd Socks Day to support Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 15th November – Year I Phonics Workshops for Parents – 8:45am for 9am start

Tuesday 15th November - Year 4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th November - Year 4 Parents' Evening

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

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

Friday 18th November – Liz Twist MP for KS2 Assembly

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

Thursday Ist December – Gymnastics Club Gymnastics Festival

Tuesday 13th December – Reception Performance - 10am

Thursday 15th December - KSI Performances - 10am and 2pm

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

Wednesday 21st December – Singing Clubs to sing at Komatsu

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

Friday 3rd February - Year I Mathematics Workshop - 8:45am for a 9am start

Friday 3rd March – Reception Mathematics Workshop - 8:45am for a 9am start

Sunday 15th 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).

Visit: St Joseph's Birtley Bulletins (stjosephsbirtley.co.uk) for more information