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'Following
Jesus in all we do'

Dear Parents

7th September 2018

'Seek the Lord's will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take'

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see all of your children looking so smart in their uniforms; ready and eager to learn. A continued reminder again to me how privileged I feel to be the Head Teacher of such a faith-filled and happy school.

I hope that you all managed to find some relaxation time over the summer with your families and have been able to use these three days to get back into routine!

We begin this academic year by welcoming Mr Graham Hampton as our new teacher in Year 4 Oak. We also welcome all of our new Reception children and their families.

We had a very busy summer holiday here in school with contractors working hard to transform our hall and extend our kitchen as well as create an office for Mrs Cree in pre-school. I am most grateful to Alan Price, our Site Manager, for all of his hard work over the break, liaising with the contractors to ensure that all was ready for Wednesday. I will be inviting you to come and look at this new development work at a later date so look out for that.

For this week, I would like to share with you some key dates for the academic year so that you can set them in your diary.

- **Monday 10th September 2018:** Whole School Mass for the beginning of the school year 9.15am
- **Wednesday 12th September 2018:**
 - Swimming begins for Year 4
 - Blessed Edward parent presentation 3.30pm in spare Y5 classroom
 - First Confirmation meeting for Year 6 at 6pm
- **Sunday 16th September 2018:** Confirmation Commitment Mass, 10am in church
- **Thursday 20th September 2018:** School photographs by Braiswick Photographic Ltd
- **Wednesday 26th September 2018:** First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion meeting 6pm
- **Sunday 30th September 2018:** First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Commitment Mass 10:00am in church
- **Monday 1st October 2018:** After School Clubs begin
- **Wednesday 14th November 2018:** Parents' Evening (1)

Future dates for your diary

- **Sunday 18th November 2018:** Children's Mass 10am in church
- **Tuesday 27th November 2018:** Confirmation 7pm (Year 6)
- **Wednesday 12th December 2018:** First Reconciliation 6pm (Year 3)
- **Wednesday 20th March 2019:** Parents' Evening (2)
- **Saturday 18th May 2019:** First Holy Communion (Year 3)
- **Wednesday 22nd May 2019:** Sports Day (Reserve: Thursday 23rd May 2019)



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Our newsletters will obviously keep you informed of key dates and information; the first one of the year will be out next week. Texts will continue to be sent out in the normal way at present.

Year group curriculum letters will be sent home on Monday which will inform you of all the relevant information regarding your child's curriculum and daily routines. You can also find lots of information on year group pages on the website which I urge you to visit: www.stjosephsworcester.co.uk Please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure about anything. We will continue to keep you well informed.

Our Parent Partnership group and Wednesday afternoon parent group will be up and running soon so look out for further information in due course.

Two final important points,

- The school gates will be opened at the end of the school day at **3.10pm** instead of **3.00pm** and will be closed promptly at **3.30pm**. This is in line with safeguarding procedures.
- **There is to be no playing on the field or adventure playground at the end of the school day.**

This is for two main reasons. Firstly, after school sport clubs use the field and need to be able to start promptly and safely. Secondly, the gates will close promptly at 3.30pm so it is essential that all of those parents and children not attending clubs are off site.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this which will remain as policy for the whole academic year. Obviously at the moment the field is out of bounds due to trip hazards and uneven ground which we are endeavouring to sort as soon as possible; hopefully before clubs begin!

This just leaves me to say thank you for your continued support and feedback. Another year brings another 30 children and so please be prepared for further changes and developments this year. I look forward to speaking with you when I am on the playground, before or after school.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury

Headteacher

