



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents

4th September 2019

*'You will succeed in whatever you choose to do,
and light will shine on the road ahead of you'
Job 22:28*

Welcome back for the beginning of what promises to be a very exciting and fun filled term at St Joseph's. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and are ready to get back into routine!! I saw many happy smiling faces this morning which warmed my heart. It was lovely to see our new Reception children and new parents – a warm welcome to St Joseph's.

There have been many developments over the summer, most importantly the school field has had a complete overhaul, levelling and re seeding. It still needs another few weeks to be fully ready and a huge thankyou goes to Mr Price our site manager for watering it over the holidays. You can be assured of a fantastic play surface for our children but it does mean that the field is out of bounds to everyone including parents until further notice. We are hoping that by half term at the latest we will be in a position to use it again. Thank you for your understanding with this; it does also mean that the adventure playground will be out of bounds too. You will notice that this is in a development stage – we are in the process of replacing parts of it as soon as we can.

Curriculum letters will be sent home by next Friday 13th September with all of the information that you need for the term. There are also the year group pages on the website full of information to help you. If you have any concerns or questions, then there is always someone that you can ask.

We said an emotional goodbye to Father Andrew who said his last Sunday mass last weekend. Our new parish priest Father Amal has moved in and we look forward to welcoming him here at school this week. There is also a wonderful opportunity for you to meet Father Amal this Sunday 8th September when the Catholic church is celebrating Catholic Education, which also happens to be Father Amal's first Sunday Mass in the parish.

We would like to invite all of you to come and join this special celebration with us at **11am on Sunday** – note the new mass time. We will be asking pupils to take an active part in the Mass during the offertory, collections, altar serving, and hymns. A few children will also be selected, before Friday, to read bidding prayers. If you do wish to join us could you please ensure all school pupils are wearing school uniform, so they can represent our school with pride. We as a staff will be wearing our school lanyards. I do hope that you can be there with us. To help could you please return the form below to indicate whether you and your child will be attending.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher



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Catholic Education Sunday Mass 8th September 2019– Reply Slip

Child's Name:.....Class.....

We will be attending mass on Sunday 8th September 2019

Signed.....Parent /Carer





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