



St Joseph's

Catholic Pre-School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 18th April, 2018

I hope you all had a very happy Easter and welcome to our new families. Thank you so much for making the Easter Bonnets. The children looked amazing and really enjoyed going into school to show everyone, they were very impressed!

As the weather is due to improve and we are enjoying some sunshine, please remember that in hot and sunny weather your child **must** have sun cream applied before they arrive at Pre-School. We will ask you to highlight your child's name in yellow on the signing in sheet using the highlighter pen to indicate you have applied sun cream. This is essential on sunny days as the children will want to go straight out to play after circle time and if we have to cream 45 children they would have to queue for a very long time! If your child stays all day then please ensure you apply a once-a-day cream. Please make sure your child also has a clearly named sun hat.

Our topic this term is In the Garden. We are learning about plants, healthy eating, nature and fruit and vegetables. If you have any photographs of a garden, park or somewhere your child likes to play we would be very grateful if you could bring them in as soon as possible. If you have any garden magazines we would like them too! We will be reading lots of books including The Tiny Seed, Rosie Plants a Radish, Jasper's Beanstalk, Jim and the Beanstalk, Katie and the Sunflowers and Peter Rabbit.

In Health and Fitness Week (8th - 11th May) we would really grateful if any parents who take part in any sports could come in and show the children any photographs or sports kit, please come and speak to me so we can put something in the diary. If your child takes part in a sports activity, can you help them to share what they do with the other children? We will be promoting the importance of exercise, being outside at parks as well as eating healthily and healthy lunchboxes. Your support in this is essential and very much appreciated.

The diary dates I sent out last term had a mistake, the Leavers Assembly is Monday 9th July, not Thursday. Sorry for any confusion caused!

Reminders

Braiswick Photography will be at Pre-School next Monday 23rd April from 8.45am, children who are not normally in Pre-school at this time are welcome to come in to have their photograph taken. The children will be photographed in their red polo shirts.

Please remember that all long hair must be tied back, this includes boys and girls, small bows and hair accessories must be in school colours. School shoes must be black and no sandals for health and safety reasons. Please can you check to make sure that your child's shoes are clearly named as we have had several occasions recently when children have gone home wearing the wrong shoes.

For health and safety reasons please can you make sure your child does not bring sweets or money in their pockets when they come to Pre-School, these are a choking hazard.

If you or someone you know has a child that you would like to send to Pre-School in September, you will need to fill in a Place Request Form as soon as possible. With the introduction of 30 hours free childcare we have less spaces than before and I will be offering places out in June. If you would like a copy of our admissions policy, please ask a member of staff.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alexandra Cree, Pre-School Manager