



18/6/21

Dear Parents

Catholic Life

Today our Year 6 children had a special visit from the Briars team. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 restrictions, children have been unable to visit the Briars for their Leavers Retreat. However, the team were able to come to school and meet with the children outside in our school grounds. Here, time was spent reflecting on their time at St Joseph's relaying the message that although they are moving on at the end of this year, their faith remains with them.

Restrictions update

After the Government delay to Covid 19 restrictions lifting, unfortunately this results in us having to amend some of our planned events. **South Peak Sports is no longer able to take place, and unfortunately we are not going to be able to invite parents to our Annual Sports Day.** We are very disappointed at this. However, please be reassured that Sports Day will be going ahead for all of the children, within their class bubbles on Tuesday 13th July 2021. All children will need to come to school in their full PE kit on this day.

We are planning on our Year 6 students performing a school play. Again, parents will be unable to come and view this due to restrictions, but we are planning on filming this for all parents to enjoy.

Due to the current restrictions, a number of Secondary Schools have had to change their transition days for the Year 6 children to visit their new schools to the last week of term. **This has resulted in us changing our Year 6 Leavers Assembly to Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 2pm. At the moment, we plan for this to be for Year 6 children and their parents outside in our school grounds. We will inform Year 6 parents if this needs to change.**

We will also be holding a virtual Leavers Mass during the last week of term for all children in school.

Whatever the restrictions are in place, please be reassured that we will ensure that all children have an enjoyable end of the school year, especially our Year 6, who will be leaving St Joseph's to move to their Secondary Schools in September.



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Transition

We are busy starting to plan the class structure for next year, and will be informing all parents of their child's new class and teacher for next academic year in the coming weeks. Time will also be planned for teachers to get to know their new class (with current restrictions in mind) and for current teachers to pass over key information.

Class DOJO

Please may I ask all parents to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent from school, and if you require a place booking for Wrap Around Care. Class DOJO messages are not to be used for this purpose please as it relies on the class teachers having checked this before lessons, which is not always possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Important Dates

- **Monday 21st June 2021-INSET day-school closed for students**
- Tuesday 6th July 2021-Stronger Together Trust Event (selection of Year 4/5 students – this may also be changed due to current restrictions-further details to follow)
- Tuesday 13th July 2021-Sports Day (for children only, all children to wear PE kit please)
- Wednesday 21st July 2021 2pm-Year 6 Leavers Assembly (details to follow)
- Thursday 22nd July 2021-Last day of this academic year

Dear God,

Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.

Old or young, short or tall, wherever we live, you made us all.

Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair,

And live out our dreams.

Amen.



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