



July 2nd 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Life/Stronger Together

All of the schools within our Trust have been working on a “Stronger Together” theme throughout the year. This week children have spent time reflecting on the importance of celebrating individual differences. We have linked this with the key message that God loves us all for our uniqueness and our differences are to be celebrated. Children have also considered the value of working together and how special it is to be part of our school family.

Along with other schools, our Year 4/5 children have been learning the Derbyshire Song “Be the best you can be”. On Wednesday morning the class performed this song to the whole school. It was absolutely wonderful to hear!

Next week a small group of Year 5 children are representing our school at a Trust event in Derby, singing this song which will be recorded with the other schools in our Trust. We look forward to sharing the final production with you all!

Welcome to our new EYFS children

This week we welcomed our new EYFS children to a teddy bears picnic in our beautiful school grounds. It was wonderful to meet them all and we look forward to them starting at St Joseph’s in September 2021.

INSET Days

We are now in a position to share with you some further dates for next academic year. The school will be closed to pupils on the following dates for INSET staff training:

- **Thursday 2nd September**
- **Friday 3rd September**
- **Friday 3rd December**
- **Monday 28th February**

Please note there are another two INSET Days to be set.



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Term Dates for 2021/22

Please note that in 2022 there will be an additional Bank Holiday for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. As the actual date falls within the May Half Term holiday all schools have been instructed to set an extra day's holiday for an alternative date. Therefore, we are going to take this on Thursday 23rd December, so we will break up for Christmas on Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

Please see amended term dates below, this takes into account our INSET days and the additional day's holiday.

Term	Start for pupils	Finish date for pupils
1	Monday 5 th September 2021	Friday 22 nd October 2021
2	Monday 1 st November 2021	Wednesday 22 nd December 2021
3	Monday 10 th January 2022	Friday 18 th February 2022
4	Monday 28 th February 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022
5	Monday 25 th April 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022
6	Monday 6 th June 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 13th July 2021-Sports Day (for children only, all children to wear PE kit please). On this day we will have our last fundraising event for Ashgate Hospice. Children are encouraged to bring £1 into school, in exchange for an ice lolly during the day! Money will then be sent onto Ashgate Hospice.
- Wednesday 21st July 2021 2pm-Year 6 Leavers Assembly (details to follow)
- Thursday 22nd July 2021-Last day of this academic year (this will be a normal school time finish for all students)

Thank you for all of your support

Regards

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