



Dear Parents  
We don't usually send out a Tuesday newsletter, but there is so much to say at the moment!  
Please have a read below...

Best wishes, Mrs O'Reilly, Head of School

We live,  
love and  
learn  
through Jesus.



PS Thank you for helping with social distancing in the street at the end of the day. It is getting so much better as we all get used to it.

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 8th September 2020

## Academic Review Day Friday 25th September 2020

In common with other good schools, we are introducing Academic Review Days at St. Joseph's as a way of helping you to know how well your child is progressing at school.

Each school across the country closes for 5 teacher training days every year (INSET days). We are going to use three of these days as Academic Review Days.

On Academic Review Day, you and your child are invited by appointment, throughout the day to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress and to look at their work. **Our first Academic Review Day is on Friday 25th September.**

Children do not attend school as usual on that day. They come along to the scheduled appointment with you.

Look out for your appointment letter. The children will be bringing them home soon.

The Autumn term Academic Review Day is not for the parents of Reception and Nursery children as they have already met with class teachers. Reception and Nursery children do not come to school on Academic Review Day, as this is an INSET Day.

Please remember that we encourage you to make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher at any time during the school year. We are always really pleased to meet with you :)

**This term, our children will be taking part in teacher led fitness activities for 30 minutes every day. (They do not need to bring in their PE kit for this as we are following government guidance and reducing the volume of things brought in and out of school every day). Here are year 5 increasing their fitness levels :)**



### **Communicating effectively with each other**

We value good communication between school, parents and the wider community. It is important to us and helps build a community of trust and understanding that is at the heart of a good school. If you would like to share something with us, our staff are always pleased to make time to speak with you face to face.

To speak to a teacher or the Head of School, please call the school office to make an appointment. You can also speak directly to your child's class teacher after school every day to pass on a piece of information or book in a meeting.

Please don't simply approach teachers at the start of the day and expect a meeting then and there- they will be busy and there won't be the time to give you the attention that you require and we want to offer.

We don't use email for extended communications with parents or carers. If you do email us your concerns we will offer to meet with you face to face and not respond by e mail to the issues you raise. Email is a very blunt tool and it is hard to convey deeper meaning and understanding in words on a page. Good communication and understanding relies much more on body language, tone of voice and empathy than it does in simple words and we want our communication with you to be clear, open and honest and productive.

#### **Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one...**

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please telephone the school office and book an appointment to see the class teacher, Ms. Logue or Mrs. O'Reilly.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



**Hurrah !** The government have now told us that we CAN teach singing again at school...but only in a large room with the windows open and no more that 15 children at a time.

Singing helps us all to experience joy and is at the heart of our school!

