

TERMS DATES

Friday, 1 st September	Staff training day – school closed
Monday, 4 th September	Staff training day – school closed
Tuesday, 5 th September	Term begins
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
Friday, 22 nd December	School Closes for Christmas holiday

SPRING TERM

Friday 5 th January	Staff training day – school closed
Monday, 8 th January	Term begins
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term
Thursday, 29 th March	School closes for Spring Break

SUMMER TERM

Wednesday, 11 th April	Term begins
Monday, 7 th May	Bank Holiday
28 th May – 6 th June	Half Term
Thursday 7 th June	Staff training day – school closed
Friday, 8 th June	Staff training day – school closed
Friday, 20 th July	School closes for Summer

NO HOLIDAYS SHOULD BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

I can't do it...yet !

This year at St Joseph's we will be encouraging children to develop a mind- set that is open to challenge and not afraid of failure. We have always been focused on developing characteristics of effective learning in our children and this year we are giving this focus a greater emphasis. We have always rewarded our children for working hard and behaving well. This year, to help them even further, we will be encouraging and rewarding children who show they can:

- Be curious
- Concentrate
- Be independent
- Be imaginative
- Persevere
- Make links
- Have a go
- Be proud
- Be decisive

Ultimately, we are encouraging children not to think "I can't do it" when they come across something that is difficult, but "I can't do it yet !" With support from our staff, parents, families and the children themselves to develop the above characteristics, we will be preparing our pupils for success.

If you would like any further information, or tips for how you can help to develop these characteristics in your child, please speak to their class teacher.

If you would like a copy of this Newsletter in large type, please contact the School Office.



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FRIDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2017

Mass Times

St Agnes: Saturday – 5.30 pm Wednesday – 7.30 pm
Sunday – 11.00 am
St Aidan's: Sunday – 9.30 am

BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

It was a draw between Year 5 & Year 3 for best attendance and a draw between Year 1 & Year 2 for best punctuality this week.

Bob

Who or what is Bob? Keep your eyes open and ears to the ground for further information about this exciting event

ATTEND AND ACHIEVE

At the beginning of each half term, children who arrive on time on the first day back will receive a raffle ticket. On the following Friday, there will be a draw and a prize awarded for the winning person from each class. During the last week of each half term, this will be repeated, but with children receiving a raffle ticket each day that they are in school on time and the draw being held on the last day of that half term. It was noted that children whose attendance was poor last year also did not achieve as well as expected. Understandably, the more your child is in school, the better she or he will achieve.

Holidays should not be taken during term time.
Holidays taken during term time would be unauthorised and could lead to a penalty being imposed by Knowsley Local Authority.

RECEPTION CLASS 2017

Our new Reception Class children will be starting part-time for two weeks on Monday, 11th September. We are all looking forward to welcoming the children into our school family at St Josephs.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our children and their families. It is great to see the children return to school, so keen and eager to learn. We are all looking forward to another happy and successful year together in the 2017/2018 academic year.

P.E

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:
Monday – Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 2
Thursday – Year 2 and Year 6
Friday – Reception, Year 3, Year 1 and Year 6
PE kit consists of black pumps, plain white socks, plain black or navy blue shorts (no logos), plain white t-shirt or school polo shirt – no logos
As with all items of uniform and shoes, please make sure that your child's name is clearly marked in all items of PE kit.

AFTERSCHOOL AND BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB

Details for these clubs and registration forms will be sent home over the next few weeks. After school football training will take place every Wednesday from 3:15 until 4:15pm. This club is open to children in Years 5 and 6 who have completed and returned their permission form

MEET THE PRINCIPAL

Children from Years 5 and 6 and their parents are invited to meet Mr Horrocks, Executive Principal at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Centre for Learning. He will be visiting St Joseph's on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 3:15pm to tell parents and children more about what St Edmund Arrowsmith has to offer.