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Autumn 2 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform, PE Kits and Earrings

As the weather becomes more wintery, pupils are allowed to wear boots coming to school but please can you ensure they have a change of school shoes whilst in school. We now have our school tracksuits for the colder months, which many pupils are now wearing for PE. They cost £24.50 and if you would like to order one, please contact Mrs Morgan in the office. Due to safety reasons, earrings are not allowed to be worn for school. If your child is presently wearing earrings please ensure they are removed at the earliest opportunity.

Fundraising

Thank you to all who participated in Wear it Pink Day which raised £155 and all who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning which raised £88. Also the sponsor money for the Olympic Athlete raised a brilliant £591 for school funds. In addition to this Billingham Food Bank were very grateful for the very generous donations received, thank you for your support in helping our community.

Attendance and Unauthorised Holidays

The most recent whole school attendance analysis, which includes Reception, indicates it is at 96.1% which is down on last years which was 96.9%. Individual class percentages are as follows:

Attendance 4.9.19-8.11.19

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.4 %	95.8%	97%	96.9%	95.9%%	97.5%	94.2%

Well done Year 5 who continue to have excellent attendance and had the best attendance overall last year!

Please can I remind parents/carers that, for safeguarding reasons, if your child is absent from school, you **must contact** the office before 9.30 am **everyday** that they are absent.

Year 6 SATs take place during the week commencing 11th May 2020, Year 2 SATs can take place anytime during May 2020 and Year 1 Phonics Screening takes place the week commencing 8th June 2020. If your child is in any of these classes please ensure they are present in school during the dates stated.

School Dinners

From 1st December our school will have merged with Carmel Education Trust. Therefore from 30th November, you will not be able to pay for school dinners via direct debit. The plan moving forward is that the school will change to a cashless system but in the meantime dinner money will have to be paid via the school office.

Also, all dinners must be paid for each week. If this has not been paid for more than a week, this will result in your child requiring a packed lunch to be provided from home.

Dates for the rest of the term

These are a few dates for this term, there will be further information to follow in order to clarify some activities. The dates are also displayed on the calendar on the website and the outdoor noticeboard.

Week Beginning 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Change Starts with Us'
Monday 11 th November	Olympic Athlete in school
Monday 18 th November	Fit for Kids-all pupils involved
Friday 22 nd November	Non-Uniform Day-Tombola/Raffle Prizes for Christmas Fair
Tuesday 26 th November	Flu Immunisation Reception-Year 6/Information on website
Thursday 28 th November	Christmas Fair 3.15 pm
Friday 28 th November	PD Day School closed for pupils
Monday 2 nd -Friday 13 th December	Year 4 Swimming Fortnight All pupils must have swimming kits every day
Wednesday 4 th December	Advent Mass in church-Parents Welcome
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day-£1 Christmas Dinner 6.00 pm Carol Service KS2
Friday 13 th December	Rec/ KS1 Nativity 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
Monday 16 th December	Yrs 2,3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery Nativity 10 am Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas Party Year 4 Snappy Christmas-Thornaby Pavillion
Wednesday 18 th December	Yrs 2-6 Pantomime visit to the Arc- Pupils return to school at approx. 4.00 pm Nursery, Rec and Year 1 Parties and Magician
Thursday 19 th December	9.00 am End of Term Achievement Assembly Parents Welcome
Friday 20 th December -school closes for Christmas and reopens on Monday 6 th January	

There will also be a number of sporting events this term. The pupils involved will be informed individually as they occur.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that we have an open door policy at St Joseph's. If you wish to discuss a matter with a class teacher or myself please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Mrs Morgan or Mrs Swainston in the office.
As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs R. Whyte