



Summer Second Half Term

2018

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We can't believe how quickly this year has passed! We are now in the final term of this academic year and it's time to say goodbye not just to our current Year 6 but also to a number of our wonderful staff. After leading our school for the past 8 years Mrs Jary will retire in July, alongside several of our long-serving staff. We wish Mrs Jary, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Stephenson a long and happy retirement. In September we will warmly welcome Mr Morris, Mrs Rawlings and Miss Harrigan to our school staff.

Summer is here!

Our Summer uniform is blue gingham dresses for the girls, grey shorts for the boys. Please help us to maintain our uniform dress code by ensuring your child keeps their brightly coloured trainers for weekends. Don't forget a water bottle will keep them happy and hydrated and if the sun continues to shine it would be advisable to apply sun cream before school and bring a sun hat to school.

Masses and Liturgies

Date	Year Group	Time and Location
Fri 15 th June	Reception	School Hall 9.15am
Fri 29 th June	Year 5	Feast of St Peter and Paul Location and time 11am
Fri 6 th July	Whole School Mrs Jary's Retirement Mass	Our Lady's Church Time 10.30am
Thur 19 th July	Year 6	Our Lady' Church 9.30am Refreshments in the school hall afterwards

PTFA – THANK YOU!!

A huge thank you to everyone who cleared out their wardrobes and brought them in for our Bags2School fundraising project.

Non-Uniform Day

All children are invited to take part in our Summer Fair Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 15th June** and donate a much needed item for our Summer Fair. In order to gather the items needed to run another successful Summer Fair, we need your help. The PTFA would like donations of alcohol, chocolate and toiletries .On **Friday 15th June**, as the children arrive in non-uniform our PTFA will be available to gather in the donations. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 30th June from 12-3pm** within our school grounds. Come and visit the tombola stalls, pocket money stall and bouncy castle. We're also hoping to have some external stall holders selling Body Shop, FM fragrances and knitted toys. Of course they'll also be tea, coffee, food and cakes on sale! This wonderful event takes months of planning, time and hard work and we would like to thank the hard work of the PTFA, their families and all who help out. 'Many hands make light work' they say, and the PTFA would be thrilled if you could spare an hour or so on the day to help out. If you feel you can help leave your name and number at the office and this will be passed on to the PTFA.

Online Payments

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for using our online payment provision. It certainly makes life a little easier in the office. However, could we ask that you add the child's name and purpose of payment into the additional information box.

Tall Ships

As our city prepares to welcome the Tall Ships to Sunderland, we are delighted to announce that St Joseph's have been selected to make the Washington Area banner which will be displayed at the port during the visit of the Tall Ships. We are also thrilled to announce that our Year 3 will be part of the Tall Ships Big Sing at the Sunderland Empire on Wednesday 11th July. Our Year 4 and Year 5 children will take part in a Tall Ships Arts Award at the Glass Centre on Wednesday 11th July. More information will follow shortly to the classes involved.

Tall Ships Junk Modelling Day – Friday 13th July

As part of our whole school Tall Ships celebration we are building our very own Tall Ships using a range of junk materials. Each class will be organising their own day and this could include building a class Tall Ship, groups, paired or individual Tall Ships. So start saving all those kitchen roll tubes, boxes and cartons! Junk materials are invited into school on Thursday 12th July ready for use on Friday 13th July. We hope to have a selection of the best Tall Ships on display during our Tall Ships Picnic.

Tall Ships Pirate Picnic- Tuesday 17th July

We warmly invite all our school family and community to join us on the field (weather permitting) for our Tall Ships Pirate Picnic. Bring your own picnic, blanket and chairs. We will provide the sunshine and entertainment. Our theme is Tall Ships Pirate Picnic – so the dress code is pirate or nautical. Will you be Captain Hook? Or one of his pirates?

We will open the gates at 1.10pm and the children will be brought out at 1.15pm.

Should the weather be unkind our picnic with the children **only** will still go ahead in the school hall.

A letter with additional information and attendance slip will follow shortly.

Sports Day

This year we have booked the sun to shine on Wednesday 20th June. (Our back-up date Wednesday 4th July) 9.15-10.15 Reception and Nursery. Remember to wear your house group coloured t-shirt. Children can come to school in sports kit and wear them all day.

10.30-11.30 Year 1 and Year 2

1.15-3.00 Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

All parents, carers and grandparents welcome! Refreshments will be available.

Reports

Your child will bring home their annual school report on Monday 9th July. Staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.30-4.30 on Wednesday 11th July should you wish to discuss your child's report. Please ring to book an appointment.

Year 6 Transition to St. Robert's

Year 6 will visit St. Robert's on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July as part of their transition to secondary school. Pupils will be expected to make their own way to and from St. Robert's on these days wearing our full school uniform.

Moving-Up Morning

On Tuesday 10th July, the children will get an opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend a morning in what will be their new classroom in September.

September 2019

As our thoughts turn to September, just a reminder that our full school uniform can be purchased at Little Gems in the Galleries. School shoes must be black or navy. Socks or tights for girls should be navy, grey or white. For boys black or grey socks. All children should have a school PE T-shirt and shorts- both available at Little Gems. These should be stored in a simple drawstring PE bag – these are also available at Little Gems with the St Joseph's logo. Children should also carry a school book bag to ensure reading book, letters and homework are carried to and from school safely. We aim to keep our cloakrooms tidy but with limited space on each peg we find that larger bags fall to the floor. Children should only bring a school book bag, a drawstring PE bag and possibly their lunch bag- no other bag is necessary. Please remember to write your child's name on all items.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – New dates added!

Tuesday 5th June – Year 5 and Year 6 Control Technology Day
Wednesday 6th June – Nursery Induction meeting for Nursery 2018-19
Wednesday 6th June – Hit the Surf
Thursday 7th June – Quad Kids
Thursday 7th June – Road Safety Workshop Key Stage 2
Friday 8th June – Super Splash Heroes Assembly and Workshop
Friday 8th June – Year 1 Educational Visit – Adventure Valley
Monday 11th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 12th June – Reception Induction meeting for Reception 2018-19
Tuesday 12th June – Year 5 Tall Ships Project
Wednesday 13th June – Year 4 Play Leaders Training
Friday 15th June – PTFA Summer Fair Non-Uniform Day
Friday 15th June – Reception Liturgy
Friday 15th June – Year 6 feeder schools Athletics competition
Monday 18th June – Friday 22nd June – Healthy Me Week
Tuesday 19th June – Laura Samuel Olympic Triple Jumper visit
Tuesday 19th June – Nursery educational visit to Hall Hill Farm
Wednesday 20th June – Sports Day
Thursday 21st June – First Aid Training Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 22nd June - Healthy Me Roadshow Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 25th June – Reception Educational Visit Sea Life centre
Tuesday 26th June – Year 5 Tall Ships Project
Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June – Year 6 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood
Thursday 28th June – Reception Class Teddy Bear’s Picnic at Our Lady Queen of Peace
Friday 29th June – Year 5 to lead St Peter and St Paul Feast Day Mass
Saturday 30th June – Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 2nd July – 6th July – Anti Bullying Week – Story/drama Focus
Tuesday 3rd July – Y6 Safetyworks
Wednesday 4th July – Back-up Sports Day
Thursday 5th July – Year 6 Production, 2pm and 6 pm ‘The Pirates of the Curry Bean’
Friday 6th July – Mrs Jary’s Retirement Mass
Monday 9th July – Annual School Reports
Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th July – Transition to St Robert’s Year 6
Tuesday 10th July – Moving-Up Day in school – spend the morning with your new teacher!
Wednesday 11th July – Year 3 Tall Ships Big Sing Empire Theatre
Wednesday 11th July – Year 4 and Year 5 Tall Ships Arts Mark Award visit to Glass Centre
Thursday 12th July – School Nurse RSE session with Year 6
Friday 13th July – Whole School Tall Ships Junk Modelling Day
Tuesday 17th July – Whole School community, family and friends – Pirate Picnic Party on the field weather permitting
Thursday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Mass

All dates correct at time of publication