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Dear Parent/Carer,

Sainsbury's Gold Award

I am pleased to announce that we were again accredited with the Sainsbury's Gold Schools Games Award 2017-18 just before the Summer Holidays. We thank Miss Bradley, as PE subject leader, for all her hard work and for all the children throughout school for ensuring that we achieved this.

St Joseph's R.C. Primary School Golden Anniversary 1968-2018

On 26th September we are celebrating as a school 50 years since the school opened. We will start the day with a mass followed by activities throughout the day. All pupils will also be awarded a small gift to mark the occasion.

Uniform and PE Kits

The children have started the new school year very smartly in their new uniforms, thank you. Please ensure that all articles of your child's uniform, including PE kits, are labelled with their name.

Attendance and Unauthorised Holidays

The end of the last academic year the overall attendance was 95.4 % which is a drop from the previous year of 95.6 %. A lot of the absences were due to unauthorised holidays being taken during term time.

Information regarding procedures in regards to this is on our website, in the 'Policies' and 'About Us' folders. It is important that parents are familiar with this as unauthorised absences may now incur a penalty notice. Please can I also 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.

School Dinners

If you change your child's meal pattern from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa please can you inform the office as soon as possible so they can complete the necessary paperwork. The office requests that, if there is a change, it is at the beginning of a half term and not during the term. 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. In line with the school's Oral Health Policy, pupils with a packed lunch do not require a drink from home as cool, filtered water is provided for them every lunchtime. School also provides all children with a water bottle that they can drink from throughout the day.

Website

The school has an app where parents access the site easily via a mobile phone which most parents now have. If you would like more information in regards to this please contact Mrs Morgan in the office. This has also enabled us to stop sending out paper copies of newsletters as parents now access them directly on the website. Please continue to check the website for dates, details of the curriculum etc. and remember a copy of every newsletter is always put on there. The website address remains the same.

Homework

We have made some changes to the setting of homework across the school. It will be more cross curricular with a variety of activities to choose from. Further information in regards to this will be sent out this week and displayed on the website. We would welcome feedback in regards to this at Parent's Evening this term.

Dates for 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 calendar on the website.

Monday 17 th September-Friday 28 th September	Year 4 Swimming every day
Wednesday 26 th September	Whole school Golden Jubilee Celebrations
Thursday 27 th September	6.00 pm St Michael's Open Evening for Year 6
Week beginning 1st October	Judaism Fortnight
Monday 1 st October	Year 5 Eden Camp Trip
Monday 8 th October	Start collections for the Food Bank
Tuesday 9 th October	Skip 2B Fit -Whole School
Thursday 11 th October	Year 4 Romans Trip
Wednesday 17 th October	Parents Evenings
Thursday 18 th October	Arrangements to follow
Thursday 18 th October	Year 3 Moors National Part Trip
Friday 19 th October Wear it Pink Day	Children wear something pink and bring in £1 for cancer research-Other voluntary contributions gratefully received
Tuesday 23 rd October	9.15 am Year 4 Assembly-Parents Welcome
Thursday 25 th October	Penalty Shootout Fundraising Information to follow
Monday 29 th October-Friday 2 nd November	School Closed Half Term
Wednesday 31 st October	Year 6 applications for secondary school closes
Week Beginning 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 th November	9.15 am Year 3 Assembly-Parents Welcome
Friday 16 th November	Non-Uniform Day-Tombola/Raffle Prizes for Christmas Fair
Thursday 22 nd November	Christmas Fair 3.15 pm
Friday 30 th November	PD Day School closed for pupils
Monday 3 rd December	Photographs-Individual and Family
Wednesday 5 th December	Advent Mass in church-Parents Welcome
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day-£1 Christmas Dinner 6.00 pm Carol Service KS2
Friday 14 th December	Rec/ KS1 Nativity 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
Monday 17 th December	Yrs 2,3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th December	Nursery Nativity 10 am Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th December	Yrs 2-6 Pantomime visit to the Arc Nursery, Rec and Year 1 Parties and Party Pete!
Thursday 20 th December	9.00 am End of Term Achievement Assembly Parents Welcome
Friday 21 st December	-school closes for Christmas and reopens on Monday 7 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