

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the very warm welcome, it has been a pleasure speaking with parents and carers daily on the playground. The children have been amazing! Please feel free to pop to the school office anytime if you would like to speak with me or a staff member. It has been wonderful to see so many parents at Friday’s Praise Assembly. This takes place at 2.40 pm every Friday and all are welcome.

To ensure our beautiful school flourishes it is essential that parents communicate to us what is working well and also about any concerns or suggestions they may have.

**Macmillan Coffee event:** This Friday we will be holding a bun and cake sale to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please can we ask for donations of buns and cakes. Children will be able to purchase buns at break time at 10p per bun to a maximum of two buns per child. Parents / carers are welcome to join us from 2.30 pm onwards. We will also sell any leftover cakes and buns after school on the playground. Father Andrew will be hosting our Praise Assembly at 2.40 pm this week.

**Safeguarding Team:** If you have any worries or concerns about a child please report this to a member of our Safeguarding team: The DSL is Mr McDonnell, and our Deputy DSLs are Ms J Thorpe, Ms J Scott and Ms C Westfield. There are posters around school and in the reception area with the DSL’s photographs and contact details. Our school website also contains the contact details of many agencies involved with Safeguarding and Child protection: **‘Never Do Nothing’**

**School to School Support:** We are working very collaboratively with our sister school St Mary’s in Grimsby. Their SENCO, Michelle Steeper and Family support worker Clare Queen are providing support weekly within St Joseph’s. We will also be planning joint school trips.

**Deputy Headteacher:** Thank you to those that shared our Deputy Headteacher advert. We pray that God guides applicants to our wonderful school.

**Pencil Cases:** Class teachers have requested that we ask for pupils not to bring large pencil cases in to school. Some of their extensive contents can be distracting during lesson time.

**Volunteers / Parent Teacher Association:** We would welcome volunteers to help with enriching our school with extra-curricular activities. You may have an hour a week to spare as a reading volunteer and be adept at running a school disco or summer fair? Please leave your contact details with the school reception. In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education legislation all volunteers will be required to undertake a vetting process which will include clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

**Class charts:** We are currently reviewing our whole school use of the Class Charts system and have suspended some of the functions. We will update you when we have completed reviewing this.

**Dates:** Please see over the page for all currently known dates. We will provide a whole year calendar before half term. I know as a working parent how important as much notice as possible is needed to attend events.

Kind Regards, God Bless, Francis McDonnell, Headteacher.

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| **Every Friday** | 2.40 Praise Assembly: ALL WELCOME |
| Friday 29th September | Macmillan Cancer support fundraiser |
| Monday 16th October | School photographs: Individual and with siblings |
| Wednesday 18th October | 2.30 Harvest Festival Liturgy – all welcome. Tinned and dried food donations needed please. |
| **Friday 20th October** | **Half term begins at 3.10** |
| **Monday 30th October** | **Pupils return to school** |
| Wed 1st November | All Saints School Mass at 1.30 ALL WELCOME |
| Tuesday 7th November | Pupil Flu immunisation – pm |
| Monday 13th November | Odd Socks Day |
| Monday 13th November | Reception and Year 6 Height and weight: School Nurse |
| Week beginning 13 Nov | Anti Bullying week: |
| Friday 17th November | Children in Need day: Everyone to dress up! |
| Monday 18th December | Joint Carol Service with St Mary’s Grimsby: Details TBC |
| **Wednesday 20th December** | **1.30 Christingle Service, Carols on the playground at 3.10 ALL WELCOME. 3.10 School closes for Christmas.** |
| **Wednesday 3rd January** | **Pupils and staff return to school** |
| **Thursday 8th February** | **3.10 School closes for half term** |
| Monday 19th February | Pupils and staff return to school |
| Thursday 22nd | 2.30 Reconciliation service in school ALL WELCOME |
| Wednesday 6th March | World Book Day: EVERYONE TO DRESS UP! |
| Tuesday 19th March | 1.30 Mass in school for St Joseph’s Feast Day: ALL WELCOME |
| **Thursday 28th March** | **3.10 School closes for Easter** |
| **Tuesday 19th April** | **Pupils return to school** |
| Monday 6th May | Bank Holiday: School closed |
| Thursday 9th May | 1.15 Joint school Mass at Corpus Christi Church ALL WELCOME |
| Week Beginning 13th May | Year 6 SATs Testing week (Mon – Thurs) |
| Friday 17th May | Year 6 SATs party day! |
| **Friday 24th May** | **3.10 School closes for half term** |
| **Monday 3rd June** | **Pupils and staff return to school** |
| Week Beginning 3rd June | Year 4 Times table testing two week period begins |
| Monday 10th June | Year 1 Phonics testing / screening week. |
| **Friday 19th July** | **3.10 School closes for summer** |
| **Dates to be planned before October half term** | |
| Christmas play performances / Sports Day / Easter plays / Year 6 Leaver activities / Hollywoods performance / Summer Fair / National Curriculum swimming dates / Parent evenings / Y6 Residential meeting / Joint events with Beacon Academy / Parent information evenings for SATs, Phonics and Times Tables / Class trips / School Discos / Open days . . . and much, much more!  **Any suggestions of any other events that we could hold would be gratefully received** | |