

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to thank everyone again for the very warm welcome, it has been a pleasure speaking with parents and carers daily on the playground. The children have been wonderful! Please feel free to pop to the school office anytime if you would like to speak with me or a staff member.

**Praise Assembly:** It has been great to see so many parent/carers and family members at Friday’s Praise Assembly. This takes place at 2.40 every Friday and all are welcome.

**Macmillan Coffee and Harvest Festival:**  Thank you to parents/carers, pupils and families for your amazing contributions. We were able to donate £148 to Macmillan Cancer Support and a mountain of food to the homeless charity Harbour Place. A great practical way to live out our Catholic Mission: Matthew 25: 31-46 ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something eat, I was sick and you looked after me - Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

**Pupil Leadership:** Would your child like to be a member of our School Council and be a voice for their classmates? Pupils are asked to write a letter to Mr McDonnell explaining why they would make a good School Councillor. Letters to be received by Friday 3rd November please.

**After School Clubs:** Clubs resume after half term Monday to Thursday 3.15 to 4.15. These are available to book through ParentPay.

**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 Miss J Thorpe, Mrs Scott and Miss C Westfield. There are posters around school and in the reception area with the DSLs 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 – THANK YOU!** 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. **I would like to say a special thank you to Headteacher Joe O’Connor and his amazing team. Their continual support has been invaluable to us!**

**Volunteers / Parent Teacher Association – MEETING: Tuesday 31st October, 3.15 in our school hall.**  We would welcome volunteers to help with enriching our school with extra-curricular activities. We will need your help with our Christmas activities. Please come along to the meeting or 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)

**Dates:** Please see over the page for all currently known dates. 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 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 31st October | **Volunteers / Parent Teacher Association – MEETING: 3.15** |
| Tuesday 7th November | Pupil Flu immunisation – pm. Reception through to year 6 |
| Wednesday 8th November | Remembrance Liturgy in school am. Details TBC |
| **Wednesday 8th November** | **PARENTS / CARERS EVENING 3.30-6.00 Please book through the school office. 10 minute booking slots per child.** |
| Monday 13th November | Wear Odd Socks Day |
| Monday 13th November | FS2 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! |
| Week beginning 4th Dec | Key Stage Two Enterprise Week – Christmas Fair gifts |
| Tuesday 12 December | School pantomime visit: Jack & The Beanstalk |
| Thursday 14th December | 2.00pm & 6.00pm Nativity Play performances to parents / carers  Performed by EYFS and KS1 this year: ALL WELCOME |
| Friday 15th December | Christmas lunch + Christmas Jumpers!  **1.30 PTA Christmas Fair (No Praise Assembly today)** |
| Monday 18th December | Joint Carol Service with St Mary’s Grimsby: Details TBC |
| Tuesday 19th December | Christmas Party Afternoon – Party Clothes! |
| Tuesday 19th December | School PTA Christmas Disco 3.15 – 4.30 |
| **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 February | 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 16th 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 |
| Friday 7th June | Class and Leavers Photographs |
| Monday 10th June | Year 1 Phonics testing / screening week. |
| Mon 1st – Wed 3rd July | Y6 Briars Residential Trip - Further details to follow |
| **Friday 19th July** | **3.10 School closes for summer** |
| **Still lots more dates to be planned 😊** | |