



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term
23rd September 2016

Welcome to Reception and to another school year. If you are new to our school, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family.

It was lovely to see the children as they returned rested, refreshed and grown! We have had a wonderful start to the new year in Reception and most of the children are settling well. The children have been very busy exploring their new classrooms and outdoor area, learning new routines and making friendships.

Whilst we have been enjoying a restful holiday some of the staff have been busy preparing the new building for our arrival. We are delighted with our new classrooms and the children will benefit enormously from our fabulous new outdoor classroom/area. Our lovely new building is named after Catherine Kasper, she devoted her life to helping others and serving God. Together with four other women she formed the religious community, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1851.

If your child is being picked up by somebody different or is going to AJs please remember to tell a member of staff from their class in the morning or telephone the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team

Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school in a plain navy coat and **ALL** items should be clearly marked with their name.

On Wednesdays, please send your child to school in their P.E. kit:

- Team colour t shirt (with school crest)
- Team colour jumper (with school crest)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms
- Plain dark trainers

Dates

Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 28th September 9.00 am in the Catherine Kasper Hall. To get to the Hall you need to walk around to the front of the CK Building and enter through the main entrance, opposite Westminster House (the Convent).

Phonics Meeting

Friday 30th September 9.00 am in the Catherine Kasper Hall

Maths Meeting

Tuesday October 18th 3.30 pm in the Catherine Kasper Hall

Please try to attend the scheduled meetings, they will detail your child's learning throughout the year and how you can support their learning.

Library Books

The children will take home a Library book every Friday. Please take a moment to read the story to your child, encourage your child to talk about the story and discuss what is happening and what might happen next. Encourage your child to use the pictures to support their understanding of the story. Most of all just enjoy the moment and pleasure that story reading can bring. This is a wonderful and special bonding experience for you to share with your child. It should be a joy, a time of peace, of adventure, of exploration, of fun and something to look forward to each day.