

# SCHOOL

# **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School** Newsletter July 21st July 2023

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# A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

In my final school newsletter of the academic year, I wanted to thank you as parents, carers and family members for the wonderful support that you provide to our school which is truly invaluable. In this morning's Prize Giving assembly, I was immensely proud of our children, those who had been awarded prizes and their classmates too. Each member of our school community plays such a vital role in making our school a happy, caring and successful one. There has been a lot for us to celebrate this year, and there are many exciting plans ahead to support our school to continue to grow from strength to strength.

On Monday and Tuesday next week we shall say 'farewell' to our Year 6 children. They are a remarkable group of young people who are ready for their next steps at secondary school. Thank you, Year 6 and families, for your hard work, commitment to school life and for being a wonderful Year 6. We will miss you!

This year we also say 'goodbye and good luck' to three members of staff; Mrs Piercy and Mrs Freeman are moving on to new adventures in education and Mrs Hounsell has made the decision to retire. All have worked at St Joseph's for a number of years and have directly influenced the lives of many children in a very positive way. We thank them for their dedication, caring nature, hard work and humour. We wish them well in their next adventures. Year 6 and the adults leaving us this year will always be welcome at Joseph's!

#### Dear Lord, bless all those we leave behind and bless all those who stand before us on the threshold of a new school, a new life, new friends and new experiences. For all of this and for more, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Please note\* our final day in school will be on Tuesday 25th July and the children will be collected at the usual time.

#### Uniform:

\*As we are approaching the end of the school year I thought it would be prudent of me to remind everyone of our uniform, PE kit and haircut expectations:

We have an official school uniform as listed and details of which can be requested from the school office.

It is essential that all clothing is marked with the child's name.

Dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers.

Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt with St Joseph's Emmaus logo.

Royal blue polo shirt with St Joseph's Emmaus logo.

White, grey or royal blue ankle socks, knee socks or tights.

Black Sensible school shoes.

Key Stage 2 children must wear trainers or alternative footwear at playtimes.

During the Summer Term girls may wear blue and white gingham dresses.

P.E. Kit - White tee shirt with St Joseph's Emmaus logo and royal blue shorts Black plimsolls (trainers for Key Stage 2)

No child is allowed to wear earrings or jewellery during a P.E. or swimming lessons.

Children must remove and replace their own studded earrings.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, tee shirts, book bags and shorts are all available from the school office.

Royal Blue Fleeces and Royal Blue Cardigans, both with St Joseph's Emmaus logo, may also be ordered via the school office.

Hair should be of conventional style (long hair must be tied back) and no Jo-jo bows should be worn.

Children are allowed to wear their PE kit to school along with their school jumper and blue/grey plain tracksuit bottoms on PE days to reduce the number of items being brought into school.

Please could I ask that this is closely adhered to to ensure the high standards at our school are maintained. Thank you.

All new uniform should display the Emmaus St Joseph's logo.

Mrs Bradley has asked could the orders for any new uniform please be made via parent pay as soon as possible. Thank you!

#### Updates:

**July TEN:TEN Newsletter** Here is the July newsletter from Ten:Ten. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout July and suggests ways to support your family prayer times <u>www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/</u>

Have a great weekend.

God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



1 - We have a limited number of places available for our Reception class starting in September 2023. If you would like to know more, please contact our school office on 01384 431980. Come and join our wonderful school? *"St Joseph's continues to be a Good school" - Ofsted Feb 2023.* 

Reminder- Family Mass takes place each Saturday at 5:00pm. Please come and join us! The latest Parish newsletter can be found at this link <u>OLAS-Bulletin-2nd-July-2023.pdf</u>



2 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

**Children's liturgy - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew** 13:24-43



Jesus tells a parable – a special story - about the Kingdom of heaven. He talks about a man who plants seeds of wheat in his field. But what happens next?

His enemy comes along and plants weeds in the field too. The man asks his workers to wait instead of pulling up the weeds straight away – he didn't want to lose any of his wheat. At harvest time though, it is easier to tell the wheat and the weeds apart and so the workers can burn the weeds and collect up all the wheat.

Why do you think Jesus tells us stories or parables rather than just saying exactly what God's Kingdom is like, or exactly what it is he wants us to do?

Jesus is a great teacher. He teaches people by telling stories. Stories keep people interested in what he has to say and help us to understand things that are complicated. Jesus wants us to learn from him so that we can know more about God.

And when people don't understand his stories he explains them, so that we can all understand.

Who explains things to you when you don't understand? Who do you learn from?

We learn from all sorts of people – teachers, friends, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, cousins and more! Do they ever tell you stories to help you learn? Can you give me an example?

Why do you think it is important for us to learn?

Learning helps us to find out more about the world that we live in and to understand how we can work together to make it a better place.

Learning helps us to know more about Jesus and the things that Jesus asks of us - like loving one another.

Learning helps us to get the skills we need for the future. So that we can be all that God knows and wants us to be.

But there are lots of children around the world who do not get to go to school. This might be because a flood or an earthquake or another disaster means they can't go to school safely. Or it might be because their parents are poor and can't afford to send them, or to buy their books and uniform.

What do you think about this? Is it fair? Why/why not? Is there anything that we can do so that more children around the world have the chance to learn?

This week, let's give thanks to God for all the people we learn from. Let's try to listen carefully to our teachers and our grown ups at home. And let us try to learn more about Jesus and how he asks us to treat others.

We give thanks for all that we have learned today as we pray together:

We pray for all teachers around the world: that they may help the children that they teach to grow and learn. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all children throughout the world: that they may all have the chance to go to school to learn. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may learn from one another how to be kind and how to make the world a fairer place. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Loving God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us the way. Thank you for all the people who teach us. Help us to listen and to learn. Amen

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

The school choir rose to the occasion last week by singing on stage at a concert to raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice. They entertained and impressed the audience with their huge smiles, stunning voices and synchronised dance moves! Thank you for working so hard! Great night... very proud! Mrs Cangiano

# MSH Choir presents SUMMER CONCERT

Featuring MSH Choir with Kim & Andrew Lowings Emily Carew-Gibbs St Joseph's School Choir plus Drumming with Tim Scarborough of Rhythmicity

### \_\_\_\_ Location

St Joseph's Primary School Lea Vale Road Stourbridge DY8 2DT

\_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time Thursday 6th July 2023 7pm Tickets £5 (under 16's FREE)



Book your tickets

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Thank you also to all of the performers at last night's concert, as well as our school caterers AIP for donating refreshments and our PTA for serving them. The evening was a huge success and we're very proud to be able to support and serve our local community. Well done everyone!

# Curriculum



Have you seen the curriculum area on our school website? It is full of information about the progression of key knowledge and skills that our children learn throughout their time at school. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that the precise knowledge and skills are learnt and reinforced so that the children develop a wide schema (web of knowledge) and are able to know more and remember more during their time at school and are prepared for their next stage in education.

Ofsted agreed that we are continuing to develop an ambitious curriculum so that in all areas the children are able to achieve well and use the techniques that they have been taught to tackle a variety of challenges. Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings so we make links with the children's learning to areas such as caring for our world, the dignity of workers, developments for the common good and more.

To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

You can view your child's learning in all areas at the link below.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

# Live Simply Update



Next week, each of our children in school will write their pledge for how they are going to continue to Live Simply over the summer and into the next academic year.

Our Gardening club is coming soon! The seeds and greenhouse has arrived and we will shortly begin growing to show our commitment to living sustainably! More news to follow!

CST – The Common Good – The fruits of the earth belong to everyone.



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If you would like to donate a pair of **shoes**, please do so on the last day of term (Tuesday 25th July).

Come to school in trainers that day and bring your school shoes (and / or any other shoes or trainers – any size). The shoes will be taken to families in Romania and the Gambia.

We will also be collecting school bags (rucksacks etc), pencil cases and water bottles. Please bring these into school on Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July.



"You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to them what is theirs." **Saint Ambrose (340-397 AD)** 

# **Gifts from God**



The following children have been awarded certificates in our Gifts from God assembly this afternoon and will be invited to 'Brew with Mr W' on Friday afternoon to discuss their achievements. Well done children for your hard work and commitment to our school values.

There is no Gifts from God Assembly this week as the children will be watching the dress rehearsal for Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year group	Gospel values	Good work
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		

Year 5

Year 6



# **Diary Dates - Summer term**

#### Please note the following diary dates for Summer

Monday 24th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly and prize giving (9:10am)

Tuesday 25th July - Year 6 leavers' Mass (9:10am)

Tuesday 25th July - Final day of the summer term

#### Monday 4th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

#### Tuesday 5th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Wednesday 6th September - School opens for pupils.

Wednesday 6th September 1st half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Thursday 7th September 2nd half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Friday 8th September - All of Reception class to stay in school and have lunch - collection time 12:30pm

Monday 11th September - All of Reception class to stay in school for full day (and for the rest of the week)

# PTA updates



We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

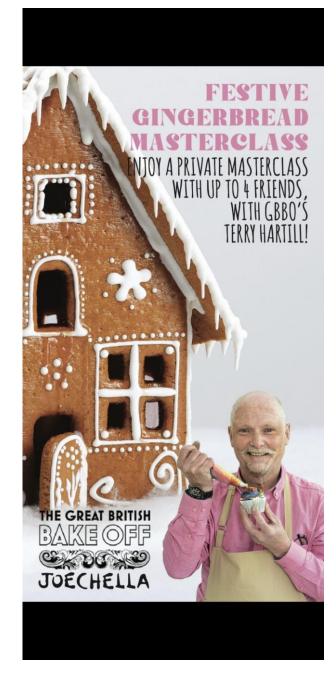
Please see the below videos for how our outside area has been transformed in school with thanks to the PTA! We have lots of exciting plans including a gardening club, vegetable patch, the use of a greenhouse, a pond area, new benches to listen to stories from the storytelling chair and areas for children to be responsible for. All showing how we are caring for our common home - how wonderful!

Please also see then auction for a private masterclass with #GBBO Terry Hartill!!!

Thank you so much to our fantastic PTA!



4 - Joechella was a huge success! Thank you all for supporting the PTA - over £2000 has been raised so far with further funds to be raised.



Please see the link below for an update on the PTA outdoor projects for the rest of this year. If you can help in any way, please do let your

class PTA representative know. Thank you to the PTA for preparing this wonderful slideshow! <u>OUTDOOR PROJECTS (canva.com)</u>



Thank you so much to the PTA who joined us last Saturday and helped out with the outdoor area at school. The school environment looks absolutely wonderful and the children had a brilliant surprise on Monday morning! Thank you PTA!





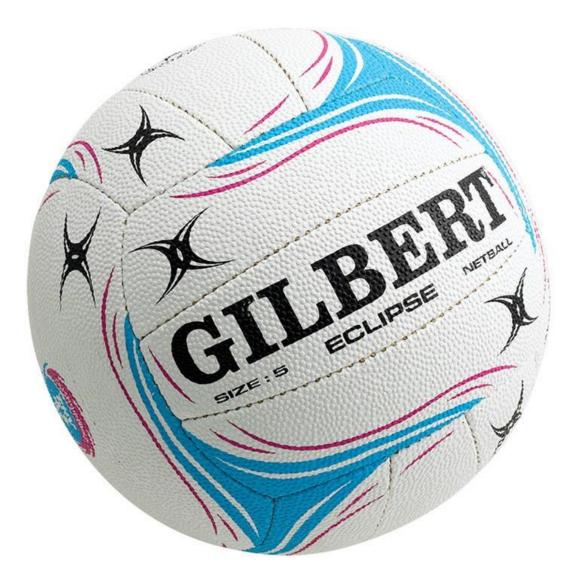
# **PE Timetable**



Please take note of your child's PE days for this half term.

- **Reception Class Monday**
- Year 1 Tuesday & Friday
- Year 2 Monday & Tuesday
- Year 3 Thursday & Friday
- Year 4 Monday & Friday
- Year 5 Tuesday & Thursday
- Year 6 Tuesday & Thursday(Swim)

# Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

- Monday KS2 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)
- Tuesday Cricket Club Years 4/5 & 6
- Tuesday Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'
- Thursday Football training with Mr Wilkes Years 4/5 & 6
- Friday KS1 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

\*A lunchtime gardening club is to soon begin. Please contact the school office if you would like for your child to be included in this club!

If your child is interested in joining any of our Before & After school clubs, please contact the school office for more details.

Monday 8am - Dodgeball Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (spaces) Wednesday 8am - KS2 Multi-skills Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics(spaces) Thursday 3.15-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball Friday 8am - Archery Club Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

## Our new caterers and lunch menu



The children have been delighted with our new lunch menu at school. Meals can be pre-ordered daily or weekly on the new School Food United app, details were emailed out to all parents on

Monday 27th February. Please remember to order before 8am.Pupils in Reception & KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Dinners for KS2 pupils are £2.30 per day.

# School Menu-Summer term



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Veggie Wholemeal Pizza (v)	Mild Beef Chilli con Carne with Brown Rice	Braised Chicken with New Potatoes	Pork Sausage Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		
Chickpea and Spinach Curry with Rice (v)	Lentil Cottage Pie (v)	Cheese and Potato Pasty (v)	BBQ Vegan Meatball Wrap (v)	Veggie Nuggets and Chips (v)
		3rd Options		
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
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Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
		Vegetables		
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Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Jelly	Mousse	Vegan Ginger Cake	Fruit Turnover
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Macaroni Cheese (v)	Butter Chicken Curry with Brown Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		
Sweet Potato and Bean Chilli with Jacket Wedges (v)	Veggie Enchilada (v)	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Tray Bake with Rice (v)	Onion Bhaji with Chutney and Chips (v)
		3rd Options		
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
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Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
		Vegetables		
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Summer Cake	Fruit Jelly	Fruit Flapjack	Vegan Chocolate Kale Brownie	Fruit Mousse
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Cheese and Bean Slice with Wedges (v)	Chicken, Leek and Sweetcorn Pasta	Pork Meatball and Tomato Bake with New Potatoes	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		о. Г
Roasted Tomato and Basil Pasta (v)	Veggie Biryani (v)	Vegan Sausage with New Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Broccoli and Cauliflower Cheese Rice Bake (v)	Samosa and Chips (v)
		3rd Options		
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Coleslaw
		Deli		
Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Tuna Mayo Egg Mayo or Cheese
		Vegetables		
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Fruit Shortbread	Iced Carrot Cake	Jelly	Vegan Summer Loaf	Fruit Cheesecake
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## Attendance



Congratulations to Year 2 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 95.28%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 95.3%

Year 1: 97%

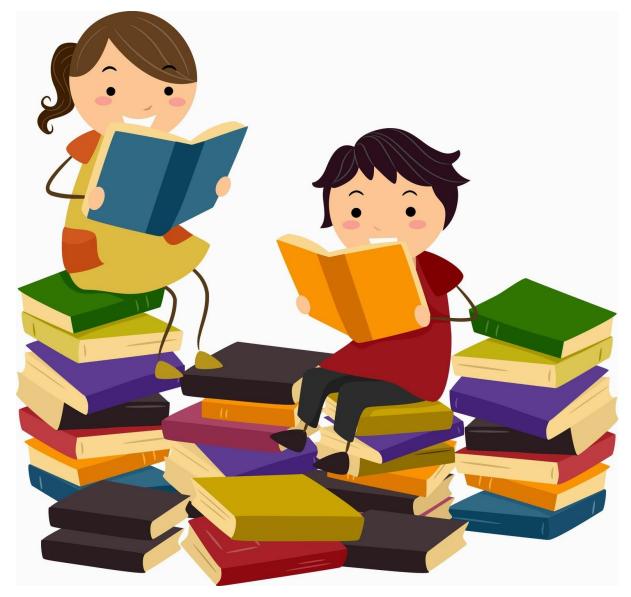
- Year 2: 99.3%
- Year 3: 98.7%
- Year 4: 89%
- Year 5: 91.3%
- Year 6: 96.3%

Please make sure your child is in school every day unless ill. Remember illnesses such as colds can be managed well with Calpol and although children can feel unwell first thing in a morning they do tend to brighten up during the day. We will always contact you if we are concerned that your child has become unwell throughout the day.

If there is no reason provided for your child's absence an unauthorised code is marked in the register. This will impact your child's overall attendance. Please contact school before 8.55am where possible and leave a message . If we are not aware of why your child is not in school we will try and contact you, if we are unable to contact the parent/carer we may call one of the other contacts on your child's records.

Please try to be as punctual as possible, we have noticed a small number of children are arriving late to school. If your child arrives after the close of the registration period (9.05am) this again is recorded as an unauthorised absence on the register and will affect your child's overall attendance figure. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am they MUST be accompanied by a parent/carer for signing in purposes.

In line with Government guidance all pupils who test positive for COVID-19 are recorded as ill in the register.



# **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

We get an extra [£1,385 (for primary schools) / £985 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year] for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

#### Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please go to <u>www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals</u>

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Teams by:

Telephone - 01384 814988

Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

# Safeguarding



You can reach out to Mr Wilkes, Mrs McCole or Mrs Riley or any member of staff in school.

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for this school are:



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr A. Wilkes



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs J. McCole



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs M Riley

# Dudley Early Help Strategy



EARLY HELP STRATEGY | healthandwellebing (dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk)



5 - National Online Safety

This week we have emailed you with information on how to sign up for resources, courses and webinars around online safety using the National Online Safety platform. I will shortly add suggested resources to your parent 'watch list' which I believe will be of great support to us all as we keep our children safe in an ever changing environment online. Please do sign up to this fantastic resource which we also use regularly in school. All schools within Emmaus have been provided with this opportunity to support online safety of our children.

Within school, we are able to see which courses that you have completed, but not any other details. Please ensure that you select the 'parent/carer' user group when you sign up.



6 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

# **Contact us**



Mr Wilkes and Mrs McCole are available at the start and the end of the school day and can usually be contacted by telephone throughout the school day or a meeting arranged with a senior member of staff.

You will always receive a warm welcome at St Joseph's!

If you have any concerns or worries, no matter how small, please let us know so we can do everything we can to make things better and resolve your concerns. Never hesitate to get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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