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Executive Head Teacher: Mr P Brown

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Dear parents,

We have absolutely whizzed through the first four weeks of school and it feels like a lot has happened already! The children have settled extremely well on the whole and are in very good routines as they embark on a new year of learning. As it is the end of the month, I thought I would take the opportunity to write to you and update you on some school events.

ATTENDANCE: As you know, attendance is absolutely key to success in school. Please make sure your child attends as regularly as possible. We are aiming for a huge improvement to our attendance figures this year - particularly among the children who missed a lot of school last year. Please always contact the school office if your child is too poorly to attend.

START AND END TIME: As you know, we now have a new school day which has been slightly lengthened. Start times are now 8.45 for all children. Please do your very best to make sure that your child is on time. We begin lessons and learning immediately and it is very disruptive for the children and the rest of the class when they are late. The school day finishes at 3.15 for all children. Again, it is very important that you are on time to collect the children.

EXTRA PROVISION: We have a long-established Breakfast Club that provides free breakfasts for the children each morning from Year 1 to Year 6. The children must arrive no earlier than 8.10am and no later than 8.30am to receive their breakfast. These are contracted hours for staff so we cannot accommodate the children outside of these times. We hope to invite our Reception children as well sometime after Christmas. Please take advantage of this offer. In addition, we also have after school clubs each night for different year groups. If you want your child to take part, please contact the school office.

Please note that the school does not provide free child care. Children should only stay behind if they are attending an after school club and have booked this in advance.

STAFFING CHANGES: We have welcomed a number of new staffs since September and they have settled in very well. Miss Broome and Miss Davis are teaching in Year 4 and Year 5 and are doing a brilliant job. Mrs Hepple left St Joseph's earlier this month after many years of long and valuable service. We wish her very well for the future. This week we have appointed Mrs Samantha Martlew who will take up the role of Family Support Advisor and will start this coming Monday. She will make herself known to families and children from next week and I am sure we will all make her feel very welcome.

COMMUNICATION: Most parents our now set up on our preferred communication app: Class Dojo. If you need help with this, please approach the school office for help with it. You will receive a lot of information this way and can contact the class teacher when necessary with a concern or update, or simply if you have forgotten something.

Our office use ParentHub and Eduspot (which includes SchoolMoney/Teachers2Parents) to communicate directly with parent/carers regarding dinners, after school clubs and whole school communication.

We also have a new website and are adding detail to it all of the time. Please log on regularly, you can find out lots of information about events, curriculum, policies and what the children have been doing in class. A remind of our website address <https://stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk>

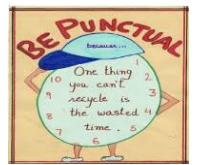
Mr P Brown
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Attendance Matters



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