



St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to everyone and especially to our new pupils who have joined us from other schools; and of course our new Reception class.

To start the school year I have some information that will be useful and one or two reminders as we get back into the routine of the term.

New Website

We now have a different website provider and the page will look very different. The new website has a number of additional capabilities which we think will enhance your experience and enable us to communicate and share more information across the school community. Further details about this will come out from the school office. The web address is still www.st-jeromes.co.uk.

Allergies

We have pupils in the school who are allergic to various types of nuts, sesame seeds and latex. The effects of these on the children concerned can be very severe and I would ask that you don't include any nuts or items with sesame seeds in packed lunches. We would ask that anything containing or made of latex is not ever sent into school and we will advise the class concerned about swimming hats and verucca socks in a separate communication.

Vulnerable Pupils

Please be aware that we have a number of children who are vulnerable to infection due to their immune systems being compromised and therefore we must be informed if any child has chicken-pox, mumps or measles. Please ask at the office regarding further procedures if any of the above have been diagnosed by your GP.

Lending Library

We plan to open a new lending library in the Year 5 and 6 wintergarden and are asking for donations of any books in good condition to add to our collection. Please drop the books off at the office or send them into your child's class.

Hen Rota

Over the holidays the hens were cared for by some of our pupils and their families and we would like to offer this opportunity at the weekends. If you are interested and can sign up for a weekend this term please let the office know. The hens lay two or three eggs a day and are actually quite a lot of fun to look after!

Peacock Droppings

Our other resident birds which don't belong to us are now causing a nuisance with their droppings. I can only apologise for this and assure you that I am working to resolve the situation. It is proving very difficult to find a solution however I will keep you updated as to any progress.

Earrings

Our uniform policy does not allow earrings to be worn in school and I would ask that those pupils who have had their ears pierced over the summer arrive at school with their earrings covered over with plasters until they can take them out.

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Parents Evening Appointments

Parents evenings are on 27th and 28th September and you will be able to book appointments using the school website which has a booking system. Further details of how this works will be sent out from the office.

Beach School Theme

Beach School will have a focus on team-building and problem-solving this term. The first group to go are Class 4 on Thursday 14th September.

Clubs

Clubs will begin next week unless you have been informed otherwise by an individual club. We now have a Choir Club on a Wednesday lunchtime run by Cath Last. This is free of charge and part of our music provision. Juniors will sing from 12-12.30 and Infants 12.30-1pm. Teachers will remind pupils that the club is starting on Wednesday and they can go along and see if they want to continue.

Parent Support Adviser

Mrs. Quinn continues in her role as PSA and is keen to support families and children in any way she can. If you would like to speak to her about anything that you think she could help with please email her on mandyquinn@stjeromes.sefton.org.uk.

Pride of Formby Awards

Councillor Maria Bennett has asked me to make you aware of the new "Pride of Formby Awards" which have a range of categories that you can make nominations for. The closing date for nominations is 16th September and the categories include awards for children and adicomunity spirit, fund-raising, overcoming difficulties and making a difference.

The usual weekly newsletter will start from Friday 16th September and the website calendar will be updated over the next few days.

Regards,

Mrs. Monaghan



In this small space we learn to value one another. to think. to learn. to wonder and create.