



The Messenger



September 2019

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Diary dates

Weds	2 nd Oct	Life Education Van Visit
Thur	3 rd Oct	Life Education Van Visit
Thur	3 rd Oct	Open Day/Night for prospective parents 2-7pm
Fri	11 th Oct	Harvest Festival 9.00-9.45am
Weds	16 th Oct	Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm
Thur	17 th Oct	Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm
Fri	18 th Oct	School closes for Half Term 3.30pm
Mon	28 th Oct	INSET Day
Tues	29 th Oct	School re-opens 8.45am
Fri	20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas Holidays 1.30pm
Tues	7th Jan	School re-opens for Spring term 8.45am
Tues	15th Jan	Closing date for Sept 2020 School Admissions

There's so much to tell you that I don't know where to start! We've had an amazing start to the new school year. The children have returned looking wonderfully smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support for our uniform policy which is just a small part of showing our very high expectations at St Joseph's.

It's also been such an exciting start as we have taken in a full intake this year! Our little ones are settling in very quickly and getting used to the new routines at 'Big School'. I'm so proud of them, as are Mrs Murphy and Mrs Lingard. I was particularly delighted to see that some of our little super stars are already starting to come into school all by themselves, which is such an important part of growing confidence and developing independence. Well done to all of you. We think you are very grown up and sensible.

More reasons to celebrate also as we think about our results from the end of the year. We performed very well at all key stages but especially key stage 2. We knew our Year 6 results were brilliant, but now national figures are becoming available we can see just how well the children performed (Have a look at the back page and be prepared to have your socks blown off!)

Finally, I'm delighted to let you know that we are inviting you to join our class dojo system!

I'm sure you know that your child can earn green dojo points for all the wonderful things they do in school. Trying hard, sticking at it, being respectful, being independent are all wonderful ways of earning green dojos. Sometimes children make mistakes or forget themselves, and red dojos are awarded – when a child is disrespectful, or not trying hard and so on. Having access to your child's account (you can't see anyone else's obviously) is a wonderful way to keep you up to date on how he or she is doing. Ask them about their dojos! Tell them how proud you are that they have been working well in their team. (Hopefully you won't have to ask them too often about what they were doing to deserve a red one!)

Apparently the system includes a messaging service, however I have requested that staff do not respond to messages sent this way. All messages for members of staff can be sent in the usual way via the office. We hope that you will enjoy finding out about your child's day to day successes.

Contact Details

Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details. If you need to change your address or contact number at any time please inform the school office. We will also be sending Data Collection Sheets home soon- please complete and return these to school as soon as possible.



Open Day/Night

We will be holding an Open Day/Night on **Thursday 3rd October 2 – 7pm** for prospective families and would be very grateful for your help in promoting this event.

We are asking if you would kindly distribute 10 leaflets per household (or more if you are willing and able) to your immediate neighbours? We will send the leaflets home with your children once they are printed. Thank you!



Primary School Admissions September 2020

The online application service is now open for Primary School Admissions for September 2020.

If your child is 5 between 01/09/20 and 31/08/20 and, therefore, due to start school in September 2020, please follow the link below to apply for a place:

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/School-admissions.aspx>

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. All applications received before this date will be considered with equal preference using our Admissions Policy 2019/20 which can be found on the school website: www.stjosephsdarwen.org

Offers of places will be sent out in April 2020.

Friday Assembly

All Parents/Grandparents are welcome to join us for Assembly each Friday from 9.00am in School.



School Uniform

School uniform is an essential requirement and is part of our expectation of high standards-

- BLACK CARDIGAN/JUMPER (PURPLE FOR YEAR 6)
- GREY TROUSERS/SKIRT(Girls)
- WHITE SHIRT
- SCHOOL TIE
- GREY/WHITE SOCKS
- BLACK SHOES
- BLACK COAT

Children must also have a PE Kit in school-

- BLACK PLIMSOLES
- BLACK SHORTS
- WHITE T SHIRT – PLAIN

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL UNIFORM AND P.E. KIT IS CLEARLY LABELLED.



Breakfast Club

St Joseph's breakfast club continues to offer our children a wide variety of activities and breakfasts. All the children that already attend the club enjoy themselves in a safe, healthy and stimulating environment.

Breakfast Club runs from **7.30am** each day until **8.45am**. It costs £2.50 per day or £10.00 per week. If you only need to access the club occasionally this is fine, just bring your child up to the school on the morning you need our exciting service and we will keep them safe and provide a lovely breakfast. If you wish your child to attend Breakfast club please use the side door near the top of the junior playground. Breakfast will not be available for children arriving at or later than 8.20am therefore allowing time to tidy up properly.

Parking outside school

Please could we politely ask that ALL Parents take notice of the **timed yellow and zig zag lines** outside school to avoid an accident to our children.

Please could you also avoid parking across Residents driveways where there are dropped kerbs.

The voluntary one way system (up Limes Ave and down East Park Ave) is in place to try to ease traffic congestion. Please be aware that Parking attendants regularly carry out random checks in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations-

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be taking place for all children on

Friday 18th October 2019

A consent form has been sent home with your child. If you have not already done so please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Vision Screening-

Every child in the Reception Class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

Vision screening will be taking place for the Reception Class children on-
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2019

An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

Look at our results from last year!

Early Years

	National	St Joseph's
Good level of development	72% (probably)	75%

Key Stage 1

	National	St Joseph's
Reading	75%	75%
Writing	76%	72%
Maths	69%	82%

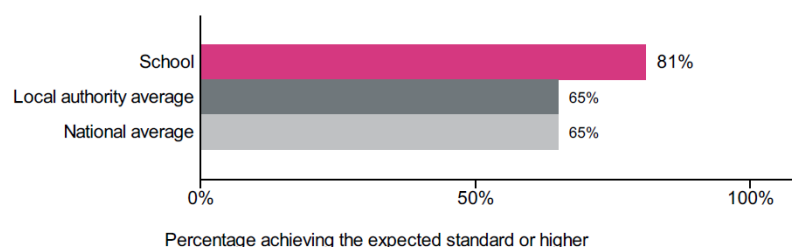
Key Stage 2

	National	St Joseph's
Reading	73%	94%
Writing	78%	81%
Maths	79%	100%
Reading, Writing & Maths	65%	81%

Reading, writing and maths combined

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard or higher

Number of pupils = 16



Progress from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2

Reading	Well above average 5.32	Writing	Average 1.54	Maths	Well above average 3.63
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