

St. Joseph's

Catholic  
Primary School



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Newsletter

It has been a wonderful start to the 2023-2024 academic year. We welcomed a significant number of new children and families to St Joseph's on Tuesday and everyone, both new and familiar, has settled into school and their classes very well. Both staff and children have quickly got back into the routine of school life but I know that everyone will be exhausted by the end of today and will be ready for the weekend!

Thank you to the majority of parents and carers who have parked further away from school or walked to ensure that Woodford Lane is as safe as possible for our children. There are still a handful of parents who believe that the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of school do not apply to them. This is a NO STOPPING area between 8am and 5pm. This area is kept clear to ensure that our whole school community is safe. It is not acceptable to push staff members out of the way, become aggressive or confrontational or ignore requests to move off the zig-zags because you are late, feel entitled to stop there or feel that your convenience is more important than the safety of our children. Should cars continue to stop or park on the yellow zig-zags photographic evidence will be passed to the PCSO.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our 'Meet the Staff' sessions next week. Details can be found in the letter sent on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, along with the links for the 5:30pm online meetings.

Punctuality has improved significantly and we are very grateful to parents and carers for your support. Being in school on time allows for a much more settled and productive start to learning.

Feedback on the new school meals has been extremely positive. The smells coming from the school kitchen have been mouthwatering and the amount of food waste this week has reduced. The only negative feedback I have received, from one child, is that the pizza was the wrong shape!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

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