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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School! I hope you have had a lovely summer- I can't wait to hear all of the children's stories from the holidays!

Firstly, I will keep you regularly updated on our topic themes throughout the year. Our first topic will be a History based topic - 'Once upon a Time'. The children will be revisiting familiar traditional tales as well as learning all about Medieval Castles. I have been very fortunate in having plenty of resources given to me by the Tewkesbury Museum again this year which I can't wait to share with the children! Overleaf is a copy of this topic's 'Topic Web'.

PE will be on Wednesday afternoons this year. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school at all times as we sometimes need it for other things. All items of clothing should be clearly named at **all** times - even socks!

Last year, you had the opportunity to come into the classroom to be a 'Mystery Reader'. Please do sign up for another chance to do this. You will be able to sign up after school and the sign-up sheet is outside our classroom. As always, all are welcome - Mummies, Daddies, Grandparents and any other special people! We always look forward to the surprise.

During Reception, the children were given a Phonics based homework on a Friday. As expected, the children will be given a Phonics or Numeracy based homework this year along with spellings. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on a Wednesday so that it can be marked. It will be your child's responsibility to put their homework book in the basket when it has been completed. Children will be shown where the basket is during the first week back at school (a large green basket on the window ledge). Spellings will be set based on the sounds learnt throughout the week. It is expected that your child practises these spellings as they will have a spelling test on a Thursday. Please encourage your child to practise these on a separate piece of paper throughout the week. **Do not** practise these spellings in your child's green spelling book.

Finally, at St Joseph's we really value the importance of daily reading at home. Equally, we are particularly grateful for our parents who commit to reading with the children in school for 20 minutes from 'drop off' time in the morning. If this is something you would like to support us with, please do contact either myself, Miss McCarthy or Mrs Howells - Once a week would be a huge help!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Natalie Jones  
Class Teacher