

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th March, 2020

'A loving Christian family striving to achieve excellence'

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic fortnight the children have had. They have made a brilliant return to school. They have settled in extremely well and our attendance has been excellent. Congratulations to all our children, staff and parents for such a great return to school!



All Birthday Girls this week! Happy Birthday to Hazel from Reception who is 5 on Sunday! Happy Birthday to Emmie from Year 3 who is 8 today!!! and Happy Birthday to Meadow from Year 4 who was 9 yesterday.

Next Weeks Lunches Week 3 -

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Choice 1: Hot Dog Crisscuts and Spaghetti Hoops	Choice 1: Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan	Choice 1: Scouse & Crusty Bread	Choice 1: Roast chicken dinner	Choice 1: Fish fillet, Chips and Beans
Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato
Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich
Dessert: Jelly	Dessert: Sponge	Dessert: Arctic Roll	Dessert: Lolly Ice	Dessert: Sponge

Lent

We are in the middle of the season of Lent, a time when we make an effort to give things up like crisps, sweets or chocolate or perhaps a time to start anew, such as prayer or showing kindness and tolerance to others. It is also a time to appreciate the forgiveness that God shows us.

During Lent we ask the children to try and be like Jesus, helping out friends and family. Our whole school theme of Mindful March encourages us all to live with awareness and kindness for ourselves and others. To appreciate the simple things in life, to be kind to ourselves and each other and to really listen to what others are saying to us. To listen with our hearts as well as our minds! By giving something during Lent we are thinking of others and using our talents to build a better world.



Star Pupils

Our Star Pupils this week were:

- Y1 Harleigh
- Y2 Jonathon
- Y3 Shay
- Y4 Isabella
- Y5 Rubie
- Y6 Baron





Attendance & punctuality

From the week beginning 8th March

Our grades are:

Red	Below 90%	Amber	90% - 92.4%
Yellow	92.5% - 95.9%	Green	96%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	
Rec 	99.3%	Green
Y1	98.7%	Green
Y2	98.0%	Green
Y3 	99.3%	Green
Y4	96.9%	Green
Y5	90.0%	Amber
Y6B	97.3%	Green
Y6W	97.3%	Green
Whole school	93.4%	Yellow

What a fantastic week for attendance for our first full week in! Our Year 5 attendance dipped this week for genuine reasons, we are really pleased to see everyone making a huge effort with attendance.

HOWEVER sadly we have seen an increase in the number of late arrivals to school. Because we are on a staggered start it is essential that the children arrive at the correct time for their year group. If your child is going to be late please call the school office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Children can only be collected early for appointments, this must be prearranged with the school office via a phone call prior to the day.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE

We will continue to follow Public Health Advice to minimise COVID-19 risks:

- Regular handwashing/sanitising in class and toilets.
- Handwashing on entry/exit/playtimes/lunchtimes
- Classrooms ventilated at all times with windows and non-fire doors open.
- Classroom environments have been adapted, including removal of soft furnishings and unnecessary, hard-to-clean items.
- Avoiding contact between different groups of children and not mixing bubbles.
- 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene will be referred to and used by all.
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements during the school day. Toilet areas, including toilets and sinks cleaned and bins emptied at regular intervals throughout the day.
- School will engage with the NHS Track and Trace process and liaise with the local health protection team in the event of any suspected or confirmed cases of Covid.
- All adults in school will be wearing face coverings to reduce the transmission of the virus.
- Procedures in place immediately for any child/adult suspected of Covid.

COVID AWARENESS FOR PARENTS

- Can we please remind everyone to be aware of the Covid guidelines, in particularly car sharing with people not in your own household. These are national guidelines and are there to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Thank you.
- Only one adult to enter the school grounds for drop off and pick up.
- When on the school premises, face coverings must be worn unless exempt. Face coverings must be worn even if you have had your first or second vaccination.
- You must arrive and leave promptly when dropping off / collecting your child – please do not congregate as we know the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.

P.E. KITS

Please make a note of the PE day for your child's class for the rest of this term. Your child needs to wear their PE clothes all day on this day.

NURSERY – FRIDAY

RECEPTION – WEDNESDAY

YEAR 1 – WEDNESDAY

YEAR 2 – TUESDAY

YEAR 3 – THURSDAY

YEAR 4 – MONDAY

YEAR 5 – MONDAY

YEAR 6 – TUESDAY

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 20th March is International Day of Happiness – the theme is 'Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind'

Here are 3 positive steps we can all take when facing difficult times:

There are lots of things outside our control. Let's remember to breathe and focus on what really matters so we can respond constructively.

Making wise choices helps everyone. Let's choose positive actions that support our wellbeing and help others to do the same.

We're all in this together, even when we're forced apart. Let's stay connected and reach out to help others who may be in need.

Date	Activity
23 rd March	Year 4 CLC Workshop
28 th March	Palm Sunday
31 st March	Break up for Easter Holidays Nursery 11:50am Reception & Year 1 12:00pm Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 12:10pm Year 5 & Year 6 12:20pm ***Siblings will be released at the same time as younger classes from their own exit door.
12 th April	Children return to school
14 th April	Class Photographs
3 rd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
21 st May	Year 2 CLC Workshop
21 st May	Break up for Whit holiday
7 th June	Children return to school
30 th June	Year 3 CLC Workshop
2 nd July	Y6 High School Intake Day
9 th July	Year 1 CLC Workshop
20 th July	Children finish for Summer

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be available DAILY from 8am. This will be a reduced service per government guidelines. Please contact school by telephone to reserve a place, it will be given on a first come first served basis. We are fortunate to have been given another donation from the Parish that will enable us to offer the club for free to all parents until Easter.

Mrs J. Ryan (Headteacher)