

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th March, 2020

'A loving Christian family striving to achieve excellence'

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 23rd March we held a minute's silence in school to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a moment for all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life. We reflected with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We prayed for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive. We reflected with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We prayed for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.



Happy birthday this week to Sam from Y2 who is 7 and Charlie from Year 5 who is 10! Happy Birthday to Maggi from Reception who was 5 yesterday and Jayden from Year 6 who was 11 yesterday! And an early Happy birthday to Archie from Nursery who is 4 on Sunday!

Next Weeks Lunches

| Monday | Tuesday |
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| Choice 1: Sausage, Crisscuts and Spaghetti Hoops | Choice 1: Spaghetti Bolognaise |
| Choice 2: Jacket Potato | Choice 2: Jacket Potato |
| Choice 3: Sandwich | Choice 3: Sandwich |
| Dessert: Lolly Ice | Dessert: Ice Cream |

Star Pupils

Our Star Pupils this week were:

- Y1 Mia
- Y2 Ava
- Y3 Sean
- Y4 Michael
- Y5 Leighton
- Y6 Nate














Attendance & punctuality

From the week beginning 15th March

Our grades are:

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

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE | From last week |
|---|--------------|---|
| Rec  | 96.3% Green |  |
| Y1 | 91.8% Amber |  |
| Y2 | 94.0% Yellow |  |
| Y3  | 96.7% Green |  |
| Y4 | 95.0% Yellow |  |
| Y5 | 97.2% Green |  |
| Y6B | 97.3% Green |  |
| Y6W | 97.3% Green |  |
| Whole school | 95.4% Yellow |  |

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.

Wellbeing Award for Schools

We are delighted to have achieved the WellBeing Award for Schools. This award celebrates the dedication of the whole school community to place mental health and wellbeing at the heart of school life. The process is really rigorous and examines all areas:

- The provision of emotional wellbeing and mental health for staff & pupils
- That emotional wellbeing and mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all
- To recognise that we deliver high-quality, ongoing professional development so staff feel confident in responding to pupils' needs
- That we have systems and external partnerships in place to support different types of emotional and mental health needs

The award is due to the hard work of everyone in our school community but in particular Miss Bradshaw and Mrs Yates who represented our school as Well Being Champions and the families from Year 6 and Year 3 who took time to speak with the assessor. When we receive the formal report we will be able to share some of the positive statements about the fantastic staff, pupils and parents we have in our school community.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE

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

- Regular handwashing/sanitising in class and toilets.
- 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.
- 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.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Activity |
|------------------------|---|
| 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.

Scooters/Bikes

It is essential that once children enter the school grounds on scooters/bikes that they do not ride them. Please speak with your child about this important message. Thank you for your support.

Easter Bend the Rules Day

We are going to have a special day to raise funds for School fund by using this interesting concept that the children will love! On Wednesday 31st March **School uniform must be worn** however we have a list of rules that children can 'bend' for one day only at a cost of 50p per rule or a donation.

These are the rules that they can 'bend' and how they can 'bend' them

1. Wear trainers
2. Bring a cuddly toy.
3. Have squash in your water bottle.
4. Wear nail varnish.
5. Wear bright socks or tights.

Mrs J. Ryan (Headteacher)