



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st October 2021

'A loving Christian family, striving to achieve excellence'

Dear Parents,

Today most of our classes had a day focussing on SHAPE to address some of the children's missed learning from last year's lockdown. The children had a great day, some of the highlights were:

Nursery Shape printing, Shape hunting & Shape snacks

Reception Shape printing & painting linked to their Art techniques

Year 1 Making puzzles with missing 2D shape parts, and playing shape games

Year 2 2D Art linked to the Core text of The Robot & the Bluebird, the children created their own 2D shape robot

Year 3 Making 2D and 3D shapes using different materials then displaying them in the 'mini maths museum'

Year 4 Building 3D shapes and labelling their properties and going on an angle hunt

Year 5 & Year 6 will be doing their SHAPE focussed activities on Monday, Year 5 will be going on an angle hunt, playing shape top trumps, shape guess who and super symmetry and Year 6 will be using tangrams to investigate regular and irregular shapes and hunting for angles.



A Big Happy Birthday this week to.....

Happy Birthday to Alex from Year 1 who is 6 😊, Ethan from Year 3 who is 8 on Saturday. 😊 Quinn from Year 4 who is 9 today! 😊

Josh, Adam & Caleb from Year 5 are 10 😊 and Lucie is 10 on Saturday! 😊 and Happy Birthday to Mikey who is now 11. 😊

Next Weeks Lunches 4th October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Choice 1: Fishfingers, chips & beans	Choice 1: All Day Breakfast	Choice 1: BBQ Chicken Fillet, wrap & potato smilies	Choice 1: Roast Turkey Dinner & Vegetables	Choice 1: Fish Fillet, Wedges & 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: Ice Cream	Dessert: Cheesecake	Dessert: Jelly & Cream	Dessert: Ice Cream	Dessert: Sponge

Breakfast Club

There is a Breakfast Club from 8.00am each morning. This club is available for pupils from Reception – Year 6 and must be booked in advance. From September the club will return to the cost of £1.50 per day and the club is not for pupils in Nursery.

Attendance & punctuality

For the Academic Year 2020 - 21

Let's look at our attendance during the first full week back.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Rec	91% Amber
Y1	95% Yellow
Y2	90% Amber
Y3	93% Yellow
Y4	91% Amber
Y5	94% Yellow
Y6B	93% Yellow
Y6P	87% Red
Whole school	92% Amber

This has not been a good week for Attendance, hopefully next week we will see a better picture. Our new Attendance Ambassadors will continue to promote good attendance within their class groups.

Term dates for this year

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September (school opens) - Tuesday 21st December (school closes)

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 22nd October

Half Term Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January (school opens) - Tuesday 12th April (school closes)

Half Term Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April (school opens) - Tuesday 19th July (school closes)

Due to the Queens Platinum Jubilee there will be an additional days holiday in 2022, therefore please note the change of end of Summer term to Tuesday 19th July.

Flu Vaccination

To all parents/carers of children in Reception to Year 6, Could you please complete your child's electronic flu consent form via this link ASAP

<https://forms.mersecare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination>

If you have any difficulties accessing the link please contact the corresponding immunisation team who will be happy to help.

Remember flu is a really unpleasant illness and having your child vaccinated with a quick, painless nasal spray is the best way to protect them, your family and friends.

We understand that some people may not want to take up this offer and we ask that you still complete the form and choose that you don't want your child to receive it to avoid the vaccination service contacting you.

Charity Fundraising

Thankyou so much for supporting our fundraising over the past month, we have managed to raise £100 for Genes for Jeans and £100 for Macmillan, every penny helps these important charities at this difficult time.

Autumn term PE days

The PE days for this half term are listed below, the children need to come to school in their PE kit. Our PE kit is a gold or yellow t-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. We also have the option of a plain white t-shirt as an alternative top, we will continue to allow the children to wear plain dark coloured leggings or joggers for PE.

Class	PE Day
Nursery	Friday
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday

Writing Superstars

Mr Pearce and I spent time this week talking to some of our pupils about their Writing. They were incredibly enthusiastic about the work that they do in class, and they were excited to show us their work and talk to us about their learning. The children were particularly proud of the progress they have made in their Basic Skills, they were also keen to show us the effort they have made with handwriting and presentation.

Space Week

From the 4th October – 10th October our school, along with rest of the primary and high schools in Kirkby, are celebrating World Space Week 2021. World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology and its contribution to the betterment of the human race. This year's theme is 'Women in Space' to celebrate their contribution to the exploration of the skies above us. We will be running an art and design based competition to get children engaged in science. This year is slightly different as the whole of Kirkby is involved! We will be running two separate competitions and children are welcome to enter both.

The first competition is to create a 2D piece of art work celebrating women in space. This can be women who have figured in helping us explore space, women in space or the future of women in space. This can be created using any form of medium (pencils, felts, paint, collage, photography etc). It cannot be bigger than A2. The second competition is to create a 3D model, as the James Webb telescope is launching in December, you can create your own version of a craft to explore space such as a: telescope, satellite, space shuttle, lunar lander or Mars rover. Everyone who enters the competition will be given a bag sweets for entering the competition. There will also be a special prize for the top three entries. Even more exciting, the winning art entries from across all of Kirkby will be selected to go on display in Kirkby Gallery after Christmas and you and your family will be invited to attend the opening. Entries must be completed and in school by Monday 11th October the winners will be announced on Friday 18th October.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th October	Y4 Swimming Block starts (2 weeks Monday – Thursday)
Monday 4th October	SPACE WEEK
Wednesday 6th October	Y3 Theatre Trip
Thursday 7th October	National Poetry Day
Friday 8th October	Y6 CELLS Project
Wednesday 13th October	Kirkby League Football Match
Thursday 14th October	Fluenz vaccine for children
Wednesday 20th October	Individual Photos – 20 th October PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Thursday 21st October	Children finish for half term
Friday 22nd October	This is a staff training day. School will be closed for pupils on this day.
Monday 1st November	Children return to school
Monday 1st November	National Author's Day
Wednesday 3rd November	Year 1 Visit to Knowsley Safari Park
Monday 8th November	Poetry Week
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 12th November	World Kindness Day
Monday 15th November	Anti Bullying Week
Monday 15th November	Year 6 National History Museum Online lesson
Friday 26th November	STATISTICS DAY
Friday 3rd December	Year 4 CLC Session
Monday 6th December	Get Away & Get Safe Sessions for Year 6
Tuesday 21st December	Break up for Christmas

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