

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th October 2021

'A loving Christian family, striving to achieve excellence'

Dear Parents,

This week I have been inundated with messages about the attitude and behaviour of our children when they have represented our school.

Our talented Y5 keyboard group had a session with 5 professional orchestral musicians from the Manchester Camerata. The leader of the group sent me an email to say.. *"We had a great hour with your 5 keyboardists this afternoon – really bright and engaged students, thanks for arranging that for us!"*

We also received an email this week from Gary at Volair who commented on the behaviour of our Year 6 class during their swimming block...

"I'd just like to say the Year 6 classes that have been swimming the past two weeks have been a credit to your school and a pleasure for me, Joanne and Jade to teach, all of the children have made a huge improvement."

And finally we received this email from a lady who was near our Year 3 children at the Empire Theatre on Wednesday...

"Myself and my daughter had great pleasure sitting with the Year three children from St Joseph's at the matinee of Beauty and the Beast on Wednesday at the Empire. The children were so well behaved, and I think the school and their parents should be so proud of them. I know I would be."

It makes me so proud to receive these messages, well done to all of our children for being little beacons of shining light for our school community.



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

Happy Birthday to Leighton and Joel from Year 6 who are both now 11 😊, and a huge Happy Birthday to Thomas from Nursery who is 4 on Sunday! 😊





Next Weeks Lunches 11th October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Choice 1: Cheese & Chorizo Pizza, Wedges & Spaghetti hoops	Choice 1: Chicken Wrap, Salad & Coleslaw	Choice 1: Meatballs and pasta	Choice 1: Roast Beef Dinner & Vegetables	Choice 1: Fish fingers, chips and peas
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: Butterfly Cake	Dessert: Sponge & Custard	Dessert: Cookie & Milkshake	Dessert: Jelly & Fruit	Dessert: Sponge

Attendance & punctuality

For the week beginning 4th October

Let's look at our attendance this week

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Rec	92% Amber
Y1 	97% Green
Y2	88% Red
Y3 	97% Green
Y4	96% Green
Y5	96% Green
Y6B 	97% Green
Y6P 	97% Green
Whole school	95% Yellow

A huge improvement on our attendance from last week with every class but one improving. Well done to six of our classes who managed to achieve Green this week. Our 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)

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.merseyscare.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.

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.

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

Space Week

This week, our school, along with rest of the primary and high schools in Kirkby, have been 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 are 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 are 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 a 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 returned to school by Monday 11th October the winners will be announced on Friday 18th October.**

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th October	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 12th October	Reception Hearing Screening
Wednesday 13th October	Kirkby League Football Match
Thursday 14th October	Fluenz vaccine for children
Tuesday 19th October	Camerata Orchestra with Year 4
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
Thursday 4th November	Celebration of World Cultures Diwali
Monday 8th November	Poetry Week
Tuesday 9th November	Camerata Orchestra with Year 4
Wednesday 10th November	World Science Day
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
Tuesday 23rd November	Camerata Orchestra with Year 4
Friday 26th November	STATISTICS DAY
Thursday 2nd December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
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