

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd December 2021

'A loving Christian family, striving to achieve excellence'



Dear Parents,

Our children and staff had a wonderful time yesterday completing the Santa Dash, every class took part and looked fabulous in their Christmas clothes and accessories. Thanks go to all of our family members who sponsored the children up to now we have raised approx. £500 which Friends of St Joseph's will spend on resources and activities for the children.



Happy Birthday to our December Babies!

Happy Birthday Thomas from Reception who is 5 😊 Happy Birthday Joseph from Y4 who is 9 today and Ruby from Year 5 who is 10 today 😊 Happy Birthday to Savannah from Y5 who is 10 on Sunday! 😊

Next Weeks Lunches 6th December 2021

| Monday | Tuesday | Wed | Thurs | Friday |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Choice 1: Fish fingers, mash & beans | Choice 1: All Day Breakfast | Choice 1: Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Choice 1: Roast Chicken Dinner & Vegetables | Choice 1: Fish Fingers, Coleslaw & 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: Lolly Ice | Dessert: Muffin | Dessert: Biscuits | Dessert: Pudding & Cream | Dessert: Fruit Yoghurt |

Breakfast Club- Thankyou Father Sean

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 and the cut off for arrival is 8:30am. Father Sean has once again offered to fund the Breakfast Club until the end of term, we are so delighted that he has offered this to our school, it will make such a difference to many of our children. Please note the club is not for pupils in Nursery.

Attendance & punctuality

For the week beginning 29th November

Let's look at our attendance this week

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
|--------------|------------|
| Rec | 94% Yellow |
| Y1 | 92% Amber |
| Y2 | 84% Red |
| Y3 | 92% Amber |
| Y4 | 91% Amber |
| Y5 | 94% Yellow |
| Y6B | 93% Yellow |
| Y6P | 94% Yellow |
| Whole school | 92% Amber |

Not a good week for attendance. We have seen more cases of pupils with COVID 19 this week and this has impacted our attendance in some Year groups, please continue to be aware that COVID 19 is still transmitting within our community:

COVID AWARENESS FOR FAMILIES

It is important to continue to keep you family safe by following advice, follow social distancing rules when is crowded spaces, staying at home and accessing a test if you or your family develop symptoms, keeping indoor spaces well ventilated, covering coughs and sneezes, hand washing, and keeping unwashed hands away from the face.

Term dates for this year

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| <u>Autumn Term 2021</u> | | |
| Thursday 2 nd September (school opens) | - | Tuesday 21 st December (school closes) |
| <u>Spring Term 2022</u> | | |
| Wednesday 5 th January (school opens) | - | Tuesday 12 th April (school closes) |
| Half Term Monday 21 st February | - | Friday 25 th February (inclusive) |
| <u>Summer Term 2022</u> | | |
| Monday 25 th April (school opens) | - | Tuesday 19 th July (school closes) |
| Half Term Monday 23 rd May | - | Friday 3 rd June (inclusive) |

Year 4 Parents

Please follow the link below to give consent for your child to participate in a Sport and Art programme in school delivered through partnership with Edge Hill, Everton and The Tate. <https://edgehill.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ttb-parentguardian-pack-st-joseph-the-worker-primary> It is really important that you complete the online form to enable your child to be involved, if you need help please ask the school office and someone will support you in using the link.

Curriculum Enrichment

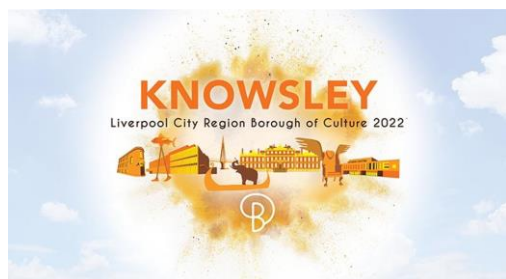
LFC Stonewall Rainbow Laces Gender Stereotyping

Year 5 and Year 6 had a fantastic session this week from the LFC Foundation PL Primary Stars team, the workshops were aimed at raising pupil awareness of gender stereotyping, and the detrimental and limiting effect it can have on someone's behaviour, self-esteem, and future aspirations. The children were so reflective, and the staff were very proud of the attitudes that they have towards diversity and equality, they were encouraged to think about where stereotypes could be challenged and how they can be a good ally.



Y4 CLC

Today Year 4 had a visit from Kitty from the CLC with a focus on Computing. They looked at the difference between AR (augmented reality) and VR, (virtual reality) and created an augmented reality video and ebook!



Next year Knowsley will become the Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture. Already plans for the year are well developed and some key highlights have already been announced.

As we approach 2022 a dedicated website www.cultureknowsley.co.uk has been launched. Updates and information is being added to the website all the time as events are announced and new attractions confirmed - so please do keep an eye on it. Please follow @cultureknowsley on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Advent

This Sunday we light our second candle on our Advent wreath, the second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, please talk to your child about what it means to have faith and believe in something during this Advent season.



Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 6th December | Get Away & Get Safe Sessions for Year 6 – every day this week |
| Monday 6th December | Y5 & Y6P Pantomime |
| Tuesday 7th December | Y4 & Y6B Pantomime |
| Friday 10th December | Christmas Jumper Day - children to wear their Christmas jumper and own clothes not uniform |
| Monday 13th December | Year 5 Reconciliation – in school with Father Sean |
| Wednesday 15th December | Christmas Dinner – separate letter sent out with children |
| Thursday 16th December | Christmas Song Recording Day - children to wear their Christmas jumper / accessories and uniform |
| Friday 17th December | Mini Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 20th December | Nursery closes for Christmas |
| Tuesday 21st December | Break up for Christmas – at the following times: Reception 12pm Year 1 12pm Year 2 12pm Year 3 12:10pm Year 4 12:10pm Year 5 12:10pm Year 6 12:10pm |
| Wednesday 5th January | Children return to school |
| Friday 7th January | School Science Day |
| Tuesday 25th January | Camerata Orchestra with Year 4 |
| Wednesday 26th January | Year 2 CLC Computing day |
| Thursday 27th January | Y2 Road Safety |
| Monday 31st January | Class visits to Gaia exhibit in St Chad's |
| Tuesday 1st February | Chinese New Year |
| Thursday 3rd February | Class visits to Gaia exhibit in St Chad's |
| Thursday 3rd February | Y2 Road Safety |
| Sunday 6th February | Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee |
| Tuesday 8th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Wednesday 9th February | Young Voices |
| Friday 11th February | Y6 CLC Computing day |
| Friday 18th February | Break up for half term |

