

St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th Nov' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Assessments have taken place in school this week, for all children except FS2. This is the first data trawl since the children have returned back to school since lockdown and will show where the children are in attainment and progress and what gaps we need to work on in school. You will receive the data information next week.

Thank you once again for the donations that keep coming in for the food bank, it is very much appreciated.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Cards

We will not be using the Christmas Card post box in school this year. Children can bring cards in for their class teachers and members of children in their class only. We are requesting that cards for other adults and children in school are not brought in.

Christmas dinner – Wednesday 16th December

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please discuss this with them, as we will be taking numbers week commencing 7th December. You can send your class teacher a message on Class Dojo if this is easier.

Christmas Dance-athon – Thursday 17th December

Due to the Covid restrictions we are unable to fund raise this year with the Christmas Fayre and children will not be able to have a Christmas party or disco. We would therefore like to kill two birds with one stone (so to speak)

- Children can come in their own clothes - £1.00 donation to be paid via parent pay
- Parents and staff can donate to play a Christmas song (paid via cash into school)

During the day when a donation request is played the children have to get out of their seats and dance for the duration of the song. Further information will be sent out nearer the time along with a donation request form.



Known Diary dates:

Thursday 3rd December: Interim child reports to be sent out

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas presentations will be placed on Class Dojo

Friday 18th December: Last day school closes for Christmas



Christmas Party Picnic – Friday 18th December (am)

Children can wear their own clothes for the party morning. During the morning all children will receive a Party picnic bag with a sandwich and other party food. They will also receive a Christmas gift as normal.

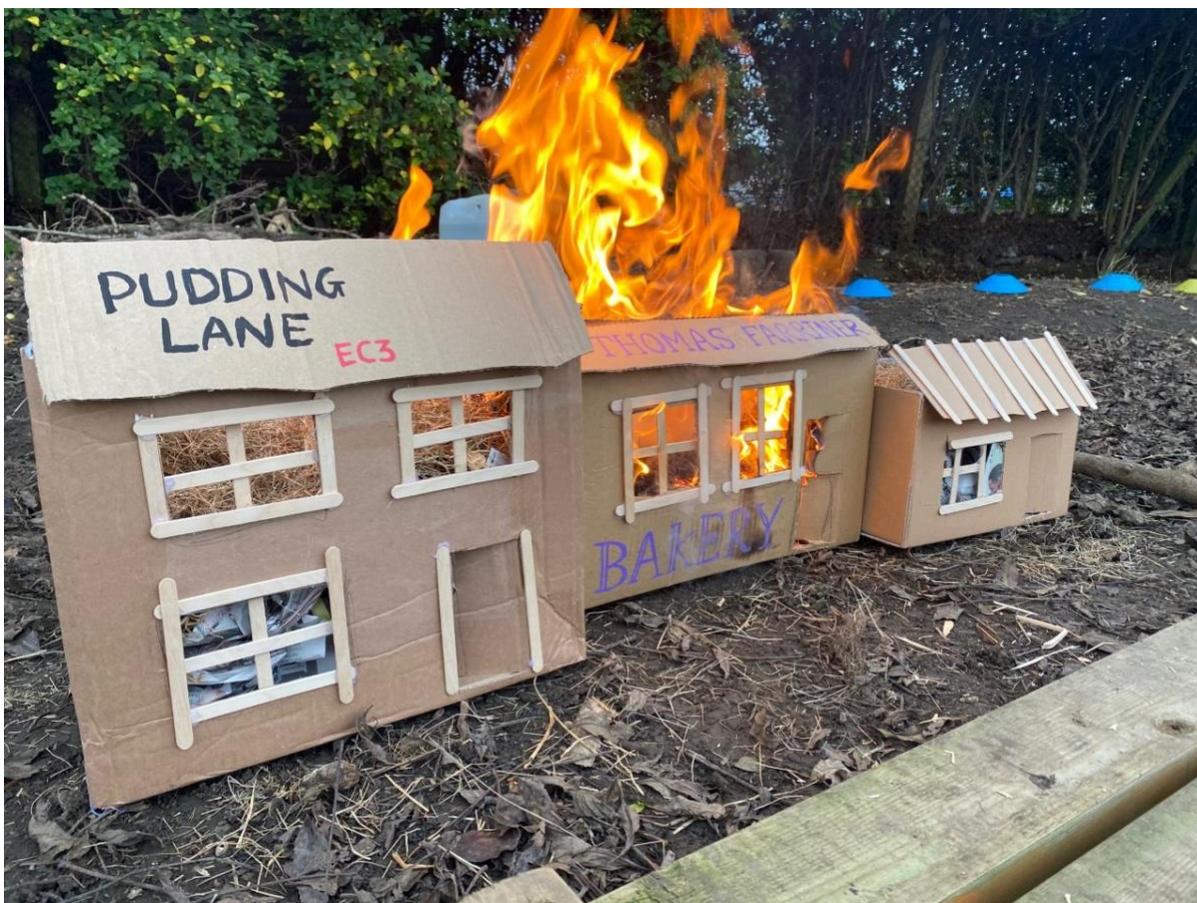
Lower Restriction Speed Limit

Those of you that read the Rotherham Advertiser will have seen last week that a 20mph speed limit will be implemented outside school. This has also been confirmed in a letter this week by John Healey MP. The council hope to get the new signs and speed limits in place as soon as possible.

We all have a part to play in keeping our children safe on the roads, this means parking appropriately outside school and driving to the new speed limits on and around Green Lane.

POPs Afternoon

Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely afternoon this week working with POPs during their forest school sessions, taking learning outside about their topic 'Great Fire of London'. The learning was brought to life to show how and why the fire spread so quickly.



Covid Update

As we come out of lockdown next week, Rotherham will still be in the higher tier 3 category.

Tier 3 rules explained:

Social contact: You cannot meet anyone socially, unless they are from your household or support bubble, either indoors or in outdoor spaces like private gardens, beer gardens, hospitality or ticketed venues. However, rule of six limits still apply in outdoor open spaces, such as a park, forest, or beach.

Bubbles: Two households can form a 'support bubble' if one of them only has one adult; or a 'childcare bubble' if one of them has a child under 13. There's also now a new exemption which allows a multi-adult household to form a support bubble no matter what, if that household has a child under one, or a child with care needs under five. If you're in a bubble, you can behave as though you're all in one household.

Pubs and restaurants: Hospitality venues must shut and can only remain open as "click and collect" or takeaway services. This includes hotels.

Schools, universities and childcare: These remain open in all circumstances, but universities can do more online learning.

Travel and holidays: You should limit any journeys made outside your local Tier 3 area - except for work and school run journeys. This is guidance, rather than the law. People are advised against overnight stays outside the area or having visitors to stay from elsewhere. This means no holidays.

Work: The advice is to work from home if you can.

Weddings and funerals: 15 guests can attend marriage ceremonies but receptions are banned. Funerals can have up to 30 mourners, with only 15 people allowed at the wake.

Shops: All retail - including non-essential shops - can stay open.

Gyms, pools, hairdressers, and 'personal care' (e.g. nail salons): These can stay open.

Cinemas, bingo, bowling, soft play and other indoor entertainment: These must shut in Tier 3.

What to do if you or your child has symptoms:

- You must not send your child to school
- You must book a test for you or your child depending who has the symptoms
- Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate until you get the test results back
- Tell the school immediately about the test results by sending a Dojo message to Mrs Glossop

If your child tests negative and they have been symptom free for 48 hours they can return to school. If tests received are positive then you will need to follow the instructions outlined in the message.

St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Mrs Beckett nominated Lily Worrall for the St. Joseph's Cup. Lily is an excellent student. She always works hard in all our lessons and is a role model to the other children in Year 1. Lily listens attentively and is an excellent partner. Well done Lily.



Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p><u>Year 1</u> Jack for being a superstar in lessons. He listens carefully, tries his best and works hard to succeed.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u> Alicia for always behaving impeccably and being a good role-model for others.</p>	<p><u>Year 3</u> Eva for having such a positive attitude to school and her learning.</p>
<p><u>Year 4</u> Dainora for always being ready to learn and giving 100%.</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u> Mason for his hard work during assessment week and giving 100%.</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u> Serine for such hard work during assessment week, particularly in maths! 😊</p>