

S^t JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26th March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am not sure how we have reached Easter! Where has the year gone? I am hoping for some nice weather, to get out and about and hopefully see some family members – outside of course!

The children have been amazing these last three weeks and have started to settle back into some normality. Make sure they get some rest and recuperation ready for their return, as there is a lot of catching up to do.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Briggs



Diary Dates:

Monday 12th April: Return to school for all pupils.

Monday 19th April – FS2 vision check, please ensure you have completed your consent letter and returned to school. If you need another copy please contact Mrs Glossp.

Friday 28th May – Inset Day



Covid Update

Governors met on Tuesday 23rd March to discuss Covid restrictions in place in school. I can report the following updates:

- Start and finish times will remain staggered for the next half term
- Friday early finish will continue next half term and will be reviewed again at Spring Bank
- Segregation of children at break and lunch times will continue
- Hand washing, ventilation and one way systems in school will remain
- We will continue to minimise mixing of children and bubbles in school

Changes:

- Children can return to school after an appointment (e.g doctors, dentist etc.)
- Year 1, 5 and 6 will eat their dinner in the hall instead of the classroom.

Breakfast Club

We are hoping to re-open breakfast club after Spring Bank and will be sending out letters during next half term to gauge interest. This will be re-branded as an early drop-off sports club, run by SLD Sports, who currently facilitate our PE lessons. There will be no breakfast served and it will run from 7:45 to 8:30.

Dinner Money Debt

Dinner Money, where possible, should be paid prior to children receiving their meal, this can be done by topping up parent pay at the start of the week.

Once your balance reaches £30.00 you will be unable to order free school meals and will need to provide your child/ren with a packed lunch. The outstanding balance needs to be cleared before you can begin to order school meals again.

If you still owe dinner money for this financial year, please respond to Mrs Hallam in the office.

Parking outside school

School have received a few complaints over the last couple of weeks from local residents. When dropping off and picking up, please be respectful to our community.

Homework

A number of parents have been asking for homework, our school policy is not to send out additional work but the expectation is that children undertake the following tasks:

- Read independently or with a parent every day (make sure the reading record is signed).
- Log into Times Tables Rock Stars or Numbots at least twice a week
- KS2 log into Bedrock at least once a week
- Practice weekly spellings

Free School Meals

Free School Meal vouchers will be issued over the Easter Holidays, these will be available from Monday 29th March, via Wonde. Parents will have received a text message to confirm this earlier this week.

Lateral Flow Devices

If you have obtained supplies of the LFD devices, the DFE guidance is that you continue to test twice weekly during the holidays.

Staff will also continue to do this.

If you or any of your children test positive on Sunday 28th March, please advise school by sending a Dojo message to either Mrs Glossop or myself, as this may have implications to staff and children self-isolating.

If you cannot return to school on 12th April please advise school as soon as possible if you have a confirmed case of Covid or if you are self-isolating.

Holy Communion

Children in Year 4, who were due to take their first Holy Communion this academic year, will now start their learning journey in September. Along with the children in the current Year 3 class. Farther Martin, will be sending out information in the Autumn Term.

School Values

When you are on school premises, we expect you to be tolerant and respectful towards one another. It saddens me to hear that some of our parents are using racial language and racist opinions. This is certainly not what we promote at St Joseph's and they are certainly not our views. School will not tolerate this kind of behaviour and should it continue, you may be asked to remain from school premises.

Our school ethos is 'Love one another as I have loved you'