

# St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

*Dear parents and carers,*

Thank you for all your lovely comments and well wishes, following the announcement that I will be leaving in the summer. It means more than you will ever know. Being a part of your children's lives everyday has been a real privilege, over the last four years we have shown that by working together we can achieve anything.

We have had another busy week this week. We continue a big push in school on handwriting and presentation. Weekly book checks are showing we are making good progress, but there is still some work to do.

Year 6 had a visit from the Road Safety team yesterday and Mrs Tomlinson, our transition support teacher, has started her weekly visits again from Rawmarsh Community School.

## **Learning Support Services**

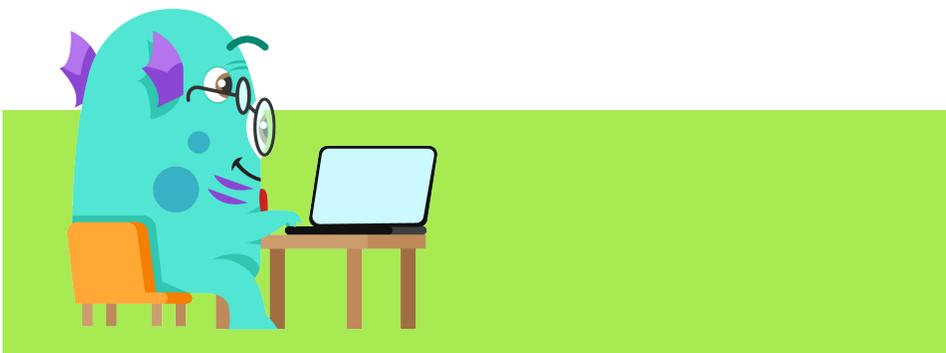
Mrs Barlow has been into school over the last couple of weeks, to review the children on the program and set new targets. Review meetings will take place on 14th May. A letter will be sent to the parents of these children. The review meetings will take place either via Zoom or in school. Children who did not attend school during lockdown and are on the programme, their targets will continue until the end of the Summer Term and then reviewed ready for the new term in September

Best wishes,

Mrs Briggs

## **Diary Dates:**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Inset Day



### **Drop off and Pick up times**

When you are walking round the church with your children, can I ask you not to allow them to climb over the shrine of 'Our lady' near the gates and entrance to the Church. Please keep to the path thank you.

### **Early Drop Off**

During the summer term, we will be trialling an Early Drop off, rather than breakfast club. The provision will start on Monday 7th June after the half term holiday. A letter with the information will be sent out on Monday.

### **Covid Update**

Good news for Rotherham, the latest figures shows a good reduction in positive cases. Data from 29th March to 4th April show 70.9% per 100,000. This is a massive drop from the previous week of 172.6% per 100,000.

In school, we are still following the DFE guidelines, most of the staff have had their first Covid vaccine and we continue to do LFT twice weekly.

### **National survey of children, The Big Ask**

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The results will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. Teachers in school will be helping the children to complete this. You can also complete it at home all you need to do is follow the link.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

### **Beat the Street**

St Joseph's is currently 47th with 76 players. Week 2 is The Big Pedal to school so all Beat Boxes have double points from 7am-9am and 3pm-6pm.

If you have not already started there is still time, if you have, remember it is double points so get cycling!

Good luck everyone.