

S^t JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th Sept' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your co-operation to date on what was a very anxious time for us all as school re-opened. Morning drop-off is going really well and lots of positive feedback has been received, so thank you for that. After a few false starts and tweaks, I think home time is also getting there.

If you have any comments both positive or negative, please let school know, as we all need to work together in what is a very difficult time for us all.

The morning routine is working really well. The children settle straight into their learning calmly and are enjoying being with their friends again and learning about their new topics.

Knowledge organisers are available on the school website and your child's Class Dojo page, so you can follow what your child is doing in school.

Last Friday, was another first, a virtual assembly, which the children enjoyed being able to see the classes and waving to each other on screen. We will continue with this until we are able to meet up again together.

Week 3 will see Year 5 start their music lessons and some children from Year 4 will work with 'POPs' on Thursday morning to bring the nature trail back to life. This was something we started in February, which was funded by Parent Voice through the CO-OP grant and will enhance our forest school provision.

Crucial Crew have been in contact to arrange dates for Year 6 to visit, so that is something lovely to look forward to.

It is starting to feel like school again and we are all really hopeful it continues. We do have a few children absent with colds and coughs, which is quite normal for this time of year so nothing to worry about.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Briggs



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As parents you know when your child is ill, please use your parental judgement in terms of sending your child to school, for example:



- If your child has a temperature, please keep at home
- If your child has been vomiting or has diarrhoea please keep at home for 48 hours after the last episode
- If your child has tonsillitis or conjunctivitis or any contagious illness like chickenpox or measles or has been prescribed antibiotics please keep your child at home

It is important that you advise school why your child is ill, as we have to report back to the DFE each day.

In terms of COVID-19 these are the symptoms to look out for:

- **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
- **a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal**

The government are requesting that members of the public including children should only get a test if they display any of the above symptoms. If you are unsure, whether to send your child to school please contact the school office or Mrs Glossop.

If you feel your child may have Covid 19 please speak with your health advisor, GP or alternatively speak with somebody on with 111 or 119.

In all instances, please keep school advised.

For further information regarding COVID please visit:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



Year 5 Enjoying PE in the new MUGA



St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Mrs Smith in Year 6 has nominated Caitlin for the award.

Caitlin for an outstanding start to Year 6. She's made a fabulous effort in all areas and Mrs Smith is very impressed.

Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p>Year 1 Ekamjot for settling into Year 1. You listen carefully and work really hard. Thank you.</p>	<p>Year 2 Riley G for always being ready to learn and trying his best at all times.</p>	<p>Year 3 Jacob for showing such a positive attitude to his learning.</p>
<p>Year 4 Seb for having such a positive attitude to his learning and sharing his fantastic ideas with class mate.</p>	<p>Year 5 Shea for his exceptional attitude to learning and positive behaviour.</p>	<p>Year 6 JJ Howard for a positive start and a great effort in Literacy.</p>