

S^t JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th June 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The weather held for once and all the children enjoyed their sports afternoon, it was very strange not having parents there to cheer them on, I hope that next year we will be able to invite you once again to whole school events.

Year 6 are getting ready to leave, they had their last transition visit this week they are all looking forward to it, if a little apprehensive, which is only to be expected.

Staff are busy writing reports, which will go out next Friday and Miss Cooper will start home visits, nursery visits and welcome our new children to FS2 during the last week of term.

As Friday is the last day for the rest of the children before they move classes, class teachers wanted to hold school parties. Therefore, next Friday your child can come in non-uniform.

Diary Dates

Friday 2nd July

Children can come in non-uniform for their party, no charge
Year 6 children can sign shirts

Monday 5th July

Children transition to their new classes for the last two weeks of term

Friday 16th July

School closes at 1:30 pm for the summer holidays

Thursday 2nd September

School re-opens for the start of the Autumn Term

Best wishes,
Mrs Briggs



Diary Dates:

Friday 2nd July – Year 6 children going to Rawmarsh Community School leave

Friday 2nd July – School Reports to go out

Friday 2nd July – Non-Uniform Day

Monday 5th July – children transition to their new class for the last two weeks of term

Year 6 children can wear shirts to be signed.

Tuesday 6th July - Full Governors meeting 6:30 pm

8th July – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 16th July – Last Day – School closes for the summer holidays



Covid Update

Update from the local authority this week advises that the Covid rates are on the rise again in Rotherham after remaining static for a number of weeks. Hospital admissions remain low, which is positive. Infection rates are amongst the younger generation who have not yet been vaccinated and school aged children. There are a number of schools in the local area with closed bubbles; therefore, we must continue to follow the DFE guidelines in school. Hand washing, facemasks and where possible keeping a safe distance from each other. School staff continue to do their testing twice a week.

School still have a number of PCR test kits in school should you need one.

Rotherham Walk-in Vaccine Weekend – NO NEED TO BOOK ***

This weekend we will be holding COVID-19 vaccine **walk-in sessions** at some of our Rotherham vaccination sites with **NO NEED TO BOOK**.

If you are 18 years old or over, live in Rotherham and haven't had your **1st dose** vaccination come along this weekend and help protect yourself and those around you from the virus.

- Saturday 26th June - 9am to 11.30am at Rawmarsh Health Centre
- Sunday 27th June – 8.30am to 5pm at St Ann's Leisure Centre (Rotherham Leisure Complex)

All 1st dose appointments in Rotherham will be Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

Please bring ID for proof of age - we are only able to vaccinate over 18s at the walk-in sessions.

Please share with family and friends.



Everyone 18 years old and over can now book their COVID-19 Vaccine

Parent Parking

Please can parents who bring cars to pick up and drop off be courteous to our neighbours, and other drivers on the road, especially in light of the incident on the crossing on Tuesday morning.

We have received an email regarding the situation.

Hi, I do not have a child at your school but just want to make you aware of the parents parking. There are cars parked on the very end of St Mary's road so close to the main road that you cannot turn the corner every morning. I nearly have an accident due to having to go on the other side of the road to turn the corner and then have to dodge children just flinging car doors open and just walking straight into the road. I come that way every morning from work and it is the same every day.

Can I reiterate that it is the council's responsibility to man the crossing not the school. We do not have the manpower nor the insurance to cover this.

Please lobby the council; they are fully aware of the problem. I have spoken to various people this week and complained to the head of the authority. An advert sent from the local authority for the crossing patrol was posted on Class Dojo; please pass this onto any of your friends and family who may be interested in this position.

Early Drop-Off

The early drop-off facility has been running since Spring Bank, by SJD Sport and the children who are attending are really enjoying it. If you would be interested in using this facility, please contact the school office.

The drop off starts are 7:45 am and costs £2.00 per day.

This will be reviewed again at the end of this half term as to whether to continue in the Autumn Term. Early indications show that now it is not cost effective to continue as only a handful of children are utilising this.