

St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

One week to go before the end of the summer term. It was certainly not the week we were all expecting! Despite numerous set-backs we have managed to transition all but one class up to their new teacher for September. This was however, short lived for Year 1.

Some comfort is that it is not just our school that have had to close bubbles. Year 3 (transition to Year 4) will return on Monday and meet their new teachers, and Year 1 (transitioning to Year 2) will be back on Thursday 15th for the last two days of term.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the transition visits for our new starters in September next week, as mixing further children and adults into school was seen as an unnecessary risk so near to the summer holidays. The transitions will start in September with the new to FS2 children undertaking a staggered start again.

Closing of bubbles has meant that we have been very short staffed this week, so a big thank you to everybody who has ensured that school could remain open for the rest of the classes. A big thank you to Miss Milnes who has been in school to meet her new class and has already become part of the team. Thank you to Mrs Butler, Mrs Owen and Miss Cutler who have covered in foundation this week and all the kitchen staff at Thurogate who offered to cook our dinners this week due to the cook being absent. Team work makes the dream work! I hope my last week in school will be a little bit more sedate.

A few parents have asked about a late start on Monday because of the football, after speaking with the Governors and Executive Head, we will not be undertaking this, school will open at the normal time.

Best wishes,
Mrs Briggs



Diary Dates:

Friday 16th July – Last Day – School closes for the summer holidays at 1:30pm

Thursday 2nd September - School re-opens for the start of the Autumn Term



Free School Meal vouchers

The summer vouchers will be issued via Wonde on 14th July 2021, look out for the text or email. This will be to the value of £90 per child eligible.

Library Summer Read Challenge

Rotherham Libraries have released a video showcasing this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is Wild World Heroes. [Watch the video](#) to find out what's in store for children during this year's challenge.

The New Academic Year

Information will be sent out by letter next week with information about the start of the new term and expectations going forward following updates from the Department of Education.

SJD sports early drop off

Following the trial run this half term, we will unfortunately not be able to continue with this provision, the small number of children attending does not cover the cost. School will be looking at other options for the small number of children who require this, details will follow next week.

After School clubs

This will run as normal next week

Monday – Year 6 (current Year 5)

Tuesday – Year 2 (current Year 1) and Year 3 (current Year 2)

Wednesday – Year 4 (current Year 3) and Year 5 (current Year 4)

Friday 16th July

Last day of term, school closes at 1:30 pm

There will only be a cold choice available for lunch on this day

Start of the New Term

School will re-open on Thursday 2nd September

Additional Inset Day to be added to the diary

When the diary was issued for the school Year 21/22, two more inset days were outstanding. One of these will now take place on Monday 1st November for staff training. There is one more inset day left to take. Details will follow as soon as possible.