

S^t JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th Sept' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Week 3 has brought the sunshine, a welcome change from the cold weather the previous week.

A sense of normality is embedding and the children have taken the 'new normal' in their stride, which is only to be commended.

Our new FS2 children have been transitioning and next week will be in school for two full days, having only been attending half days so far, with their school journey commencing full time week commencing 28th September. Our FS2 parents will continue to be allowed on site to drop their children off, which is why they are starting a little later at 9:00 am. This is to ensure that the rest of the children have arrived by this time.

Diary dates are starting to come through, please see Class Dojo for upcoming events or the school website and the newsletter.

We have noticed this week that not all children have a water bottle, during this time it is advisable that each child has their own water bottle in school rather than using cups, as we cannot guarantee that other children have not already used them.

During the Covid restrictions and the serving of food, we will not be having 'tuck' at break time – fruit is on offer each day – but children can bring a snack in if they choose, however no chocolate bars or packets of crisps.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Briggs



Known Diary dates:

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September.

School Council Elections – Friday 2nd October.

Year 6 Crucial Crew – Thursday 8th October – letter to follow.

School Closes for Half Term – Friday 23rd October.

School re-opens – Monday 4th November.

Flu vaccines/nasal spray – Tuesday 10th November – afternoon.

School Photos – Wednesday 11th November – details to follow.



Drop Off and Pick Up

The system we have in place seems to be really working, however, can I ask that you don't double back on yourself and walk back up the path but follow the one-way system, this just allows us all to keep the 2 metre distance where possible. Also when you leave school, if possible, try not to congregate near the church or the entrance way, so other parents can get past.



PE and Forest School - Day Changes

Please be aware that from Monday some changes have been made to the timetable.

Year 5 and **Year 6** will now have PE on a **Monday afternoon**.

Year 1 and **Year 2** will now have PE and Forest School on the same day – **Tuesday afternoon**.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September

Unfortunately, we cannot celebrate in our usual manner of buns, cakes and coffee morning, however, as a school the charity is very dear to our hearts, with staff and our community having lost loved ones to cancer. We will therefore be having our own little celebration.

We are asking for a £1.00 donation which can be paid via parent pay – please where possible do not send money into school. For the donation, the children will receive a wrapped bun or biscuit; with the money raised then being sent to MacMillan. £1.00 is the minimum donation, however please feel free to send any amount as it is such a fabulous charity.



Free School Meals - Do You Qualify?

Free school meals are provided for school children if either they or their parent or guardian have been granted:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run- on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals/1>

St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Mr Rockett has nominated Jayden from Year 6 for the award. Mr Rockett says well done for being a great role model and showing excellent sportsmanship during PE and lunch times.



Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p>Year 1 Oisin you have really impressed me with your Maths knowledge. Your love of number is inspiring.</p>	<p>Year 2 Freya for always showing an excellent attitude to your learning.</p>	<p>Year 3 Lillie N for giving 100% to everything you are asked to do - a real superstar!</p>
<p>Year 4 Regan for showing a positive attitude with all your learning and being so polite all of the time.</p>	<p>Year 5 Louis for a positive attitude towards learning especially in writing.</p>	<p>Year 6 Alexia for a positive start and a great attitude.</p>