

# St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> Sept' 2020

*Dear parents and carers,*

After a bright start earlier in the week, the autumnal weather is starting to take hold. It is important that your child comes to school in a warm coat and suitable footwear, as we will be outside for breaks, lunchtime (to allow for the classroom to be cleaned) PE and Forest School. We are not able to use the hall for PE under the government guidelines.

We have a class set of waterproofs for Forest School and children have been asked to come to school dressed for outdoor PE on their timetabled day. For KS1 and lower KS2 their PE and Forest school sessions are on the same day, so will invariably be outside all afternoon. If your child has a pair of wellingtons they would like to keep in school please send them in, these can be used for break and lunch times. In addition, on the days your child is going to be outside, please feel free to send in a change of clothes.

Government guidelines states that the transmission of the Coronavirus is significantly lower in outdoor spaces. Covid infections in Rotherham are on the increase from 9.8 cases per 100,000 to 23 cases per 100,000. The virus is still out there, and many schools in Rotherham and Sheffield have already had confirmed cases and closed bubbles and classes. Working outside is both safer and is recognised to support children's well-being and mental health. Feedback already from the children is very positive. The model of working outside is not new, children in Foundation Stage are outside all the time. There is no such thing as unsuitable weather just unsuitable clothing. As we get older I think we shy away from being outside, but the benefits are clear. I know I feel much better in the outdoors than being stuck inside.

I know some parents have been concerned about children being wet, but I bet if you ask them if they have enjoyed themselves the resounding answer would be yes.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Briggs



## Known Diary dates:

School Council Elections – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Year 6 Crucial Crew – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October – letter to follow.

School Closes for Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

School re-opens – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

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

School Photos – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – details to follow.



## Changes to Drop Off and Pick Up

Now that Foundation Stage (FS2) are staying for the full school day, we have had to tweak our pick up plan to make sure that we are keeping everybody safe. We feel that this is working much better and teachers are much happier with the arrangement.

**2:45 - FS2 and siblings** to be collected from the **main entrance**.

**2:50 - Year 1 and older siblings** to be collected from the white fire exit door.

**2:55 - Year 2 and older siblings** to be collected from the school yard.

There are no changes to KS2.

## Playtimes, PE and Forest School

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather. We are going outside regardless of sunshine or rain. Sun cream for those hot days and warm, waterproof clothing for the cold wet days.



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

The children have enjoyed the buns and cookies made by our cook this morning. We have raised £63 so far. You can still donate through school money if you haven't already done so. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

## St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Brooke was nominated by Mr Searson for her wonderful attitude towards her learning and her impeccable behaviour. She is a fantastic role model to her class.



### Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p><b><u>Year 1</u></b></p> <p><b>Trinity</b> you have impressed me with your creativity. I really enjoyed seeing you make your Stick Man in Forest School. I can see that you listen carefully and then try things out for yourself.</p>	<p><b><u>Year 2</u></b></p> <p><b>Alfie F</b> for always trying his best, especially with his writing. Well done.</p>	<p><b><u>Year 3</u></b></p> <p><b>Isabella</b> for always showing the right attitude to her work and learning.</p>
<p><b><u>Year 4</u></b></p> <p><b>Daniella</b> for always doing the right thing and being keen and eager to learn.</p>	<p><b><u>Year 5</u></b></p> <p><b>Freya</b> for always being eager to learn and giving 100%.</p>	<p><b><u>Year 6</u></b></p> <p><b>Jessica</b> for an enthusiastic attitude towards learning across all lessons but particularly maths.</p>