

St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2nd Oct' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Our FS2 children have completed their first full week in school this week, they have settled in really well. A big thank you to Miss Cooper and Mrs Edwards for their hard week in helping the children settle so quickly.

This week, we have launched our new handwriting challenge. This is one of the school's improvement targets this year to improve the children's handwriting through school. The children will get the following rewards:

- Bronze star – showing improved handwriting in all subjects and books, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Silver star
 - Year 1 – to show good letter and number formation
 - Year 2 – starting to use joining strokes on letters and numbers are a regular size
 - Year 3 – starting to show joins in letters and words and numbers are a regular size
 - Year 4 – all handwriting in all books are joined and numbers are a regular size
 - Year 5 – All handwriting shows a good cursive script that is readable to the reader all letters are a regular size
 - Year 6 – All handwriting shows a good cursive script that is readable to the reader all letters are a regular size
- Gold star – Impeccable handwriting for their age and stage

We have had 4 winners of the bronze star this week, I can't wait to see more next week.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Briggs



Known Diary dates:

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.



Covid Update

This week Rotherham has moved up to the governments watchlist as the rate of transmission has increased. Numbers of pupils out of school remain consistent with last week's figures, however confirmed cases are rising. Staffing pressures in school are causing the most concern. Managing schools is a constant and distinct challenge. In addition to this, we are also being pressured by the DFE to ensure schools are also ready for remote learning, should school close. The expectation for schools and parents is far greater than last time. We will be sending out a questionnaire next week, please can you take the time to complete this as it will help us to plan how we will tackle home learning in the future.

School Council

Children have voted this week for their class councillors – details of the new councillors will be advised next week in our zoom assembly

Office Hours

The office is manned from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm – if there is no answer please leave a message

Year 6 – Robinwood

Letters have gone out to Year 6 children and parents today to advise that this year's Residential visit to Robinwood has had to be cancelled. I am sure you will all share their disappointment. We will try to provide some activities for them in the summer months when hopefully things get back to normal.

Breakfast Club

Government guidelines are changing all the time as you are aware, and we are having to keep up to date with these. We will be holding a Governors meeting next week to discuss the current situation and whether we stick with the plan or amend anything. One of the agenda items is Breakfast Club.

The proposal is to open this from 7:45 am to 8:30 am – at a cost of £2.00 per child. Children will receive toast and a drink. Children will have to sit at tables in their class bubbles and will not be able to mix.

For it to work it has to be cost effective in terms of numbers attending verse staffing costs to run it.

If you would be interested in using this facility after half term, please can you send a message on Dojo to Mrs Glossop or myself by Thursday 8th October. Thank you

St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Finlay was nominated by Mrs Smith for being an outstanding role-model to all at St Joseph's.



Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>Lily H for your outstanding effort in Read, Write Inc. I was really impressed to hear that you have been working just as hard at home with your reading and writing.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>Orla for your positive attitude to your learning and your willingness to improve.</p>	<p><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>Ruya for working hard in all lessons. Well done.</p>
<p><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>Amelia B for a fantastic attitude to your learning.</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>Christopher R for your attitude towards learning and your enthusiasm towards reading.</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>Charlotte for showing great resilience in your work; particularly maths.</p>