

St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th Oct' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Coronavirus remains a constant topic in the news and it is clear that by next week Rotherham may be under further restrictions. Many schools in Rotherham have already closed bubbles, in some schools more than one and in Wath one school has had to close altogether for 14 days, in addition to this I am sure you all know that Dale nursery has also suffered the same fate. As Rotherham cases continue to rise. In school we are trying to keep to at least the 1 metre rule, and 2m where possible. If we do have to spend time with a member of staff or children we are limiting this to 15 minutes. Ventilation is also key as is being outside. Our procedures seem to be holding up at the moment, we meet with the Governors on Monday to discuss current plans in place and to re-evaluate our risk assessment, we will be discussing the re-introduction of breakfast club, and Friday afternoons. The outcome of this meeting will follow next week.

On a more positive note:

School council elections have taken place and today the children received their badges, I am sure over the coming weeks they will have a lot of ideas to share with Mr Searson.

POPs and Year 4 children continue to develop the nature trail on the school field, it is unrecognisable! – This will provide even more space for the children to enjoy their outdoor learning.

Mr Seddons will be working on the Year 1 outdoor area over the half term holidays, to build additions to the mud kitchen and water features. I can't wait to see the results.

Year 6 enjoyed a day out at Crucial Crew yesterday, this is a great day out and offers opportunities to learn about internet safety and their own safety and well-being.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Briggs



Known Diary dates:

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.



Remote learning

The DFE are requesting schools put together a 'Remote Education Plan' in the event of a full or partial lockdown. The expectation on schools and parents is much more demanding than in the Spring. In order for us to gauge what will be appropriate in order to support learning at home, I would be most grateful if you could complete the home learning parent survey.

To enter please click on the link.

I will also post this on class dojo

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7GFYGDZ>

Crossing Patrol

I know there are a lot of frustrations around the patrol crossing, I have contacted the council on numerous occasions and I am assured that he will be back on Monday.

I did ask if there was anybody else who could cover in his absence and this is the response, if you have time on your hands you might be interested in applying. If this is the case please let me know:

"At the moment we have nobody for the Rawmarsh area as a relief. However, I have received an application form this week for someone who lives in Rawmarsh area so hopefully that will give us some options going forward. We do have a live advert out at the minute for Relief patrols, so if anybody is interested in doing it on a casual basis, please point them in our direction. These are not the easiest posts to appoint to and we only really get interest from people with links to the Schools. If you have a newsletter that goes out to parents, it might be worth noting that we are desperate for Relief Patrols."

Christmas Dinner

We have put two dates in the diary for Christmas dinner:

Tuesday 15th December – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 – Years 3,4,5 and 6.

The logistics of this are yet to be agreed but we will manage to do this for the children somehow, even if it means starting lunch at 11:00 am!

School Dinner Menu

We have made some changes to the dinner menu for after half term, this will be a two-week rolling programme and allows us to offer more choice. The new menus will be sent out as soon as possible.

School Uniform

Although some elements of the school uniform policy have been relaxed, others remain. In particular, nail varnish and false nails. Policies in school are there to keep children safe

False nails are not part of the school uniform policy and are not safe. Particularly when doing PE. If your child comes into school with false nails, your child will be asked to remove them, if this is not possible we will contact you direct to ask that these be removed for the next day. Your child will not be allowed to do PE or Forest School until they are removed. This is for your child's and other children's safety.

Thank You

Thank you very much for the kind donations of books and kitchen utensils for the Year 1 mud kitchen. These are most gratefully received.

School Council Elections:

Year 1 – Trinity and Lily

Year 2 – Macey and Archie

Year 3 – Oliver and Lola

Year 4 – Lucy and Dainora

Year 5 – Harry and Oscar

Year 6 – Kymani and Jayden R

St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Alexia was chosen for the St Joseph's Cup by Mrs Smith. You have been recognised for your outstanding behaviour and for always doing the right thing. You are an excellent ambassador to our school.



Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>James B for all your hard work in Read, Write Inc. You are working hard to learn and practice your sounds, and read and write new words.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>Leza for an excellent start to Year 2 and always trying so hard with all your learning.</p>	<p><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>Luke for some amazing reading work this week.</p>
<p><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>Blossom for a resilient attitude to your learning and your hard work and progress.</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>Jack P for always being polite and showing enthusiasm in your learning.</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>Charlie T for a great attitude to learning and working hard.</p>