

St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd Oct' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your continued support this half term, it has certainly been a challenge!

I am so proud of all our children, how they have adapted to the new regimes in school and just got on with it. They have continued learning as though they have never been away and produced some fantastic outcomes, particularly in their D&T topic work. This week the children all managed to sail their boats or try their cars out in order to evaluate their design. It was a pleasure to watch and hear their enthusiasm.

Autumn Term 2 will bring further challenges, but we will deal with these as and when we are faced with them. Although, we will not be able to get together for nativity and Christmas shows we will be putting our thinking hats on over the next couple of weeks to ensure you and the children do not miss out on these milestones. We will also be discussing how we can deliver some sort of parent's evening towards the back end of the half term. However, I think we all just need to take stock and have a rest for a week. Enjoy the holiday as much as you can, stay safe and see you all back on 2nd November.

FS2, and KS1 Home Reading

Teachers will start to send home-reading books home after half term, these are linked to the Read Write Inc scheme and the lessons undertaken in class. Children will be allowed to change their books weekly on a Thursday, where they will be placed in quarantine and a new book will be sent out on Friday. Children will not be allowed to change their book on a different day or receive another book until the old one has been returned.

We are still missing quite a few books from lockdown. Letters have been sent out reminding parents to return them. If you have received a letter, please can you return the books as soon as possible. These books came at considerable cost to the school, over £6000. If you have not returned them by next half term, we will be asking you to replace the missing books. The books are bought in a set and cost between £40 - £55 per set to replace. As a school we cannot keep replacing missing books, when we send them home in good faith to be returned. If you have already sent the books back to school, thank you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Briggs



Known Diary dates:

School re-opens – Monday 4th November.

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

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

Reminder of Start and End Times

FS2 start times will now be between 8:50 and 9:00 am

End of Day – **FS2, Year 1 and Year 2** will change to **3:00pm** from the same collection points then 5-minute intervals after that for KS2 classes with year 5 and year 6 leaving at 3:15 pm.

Older siblings will continue to leave with their younger brothers and sisters:

Year 3 – 3:05pm

Year 4 – 3:10 pm

Year 5 and Year 6 - 3:15 pm



St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Stephanie in Year 6 was nominated for the St Joseph's cup. Stephany has been recognised for her maturity and great attitude towards her learning. Well done Stephany.



Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p><u>Year 1</u> Ajay for his hard work in Maths. He is trying so hard and his effort is really paying off.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u> Macey for working hard.</p>	<p><u>Year 3</u> Aoife for always being enthusiastic with her work.</p>
<p><u>Year 4</u> Daniella for always putting 100% effort in, whatever the task.</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u> Elijah for his effort with editing his work.</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u> Alfie for putting lots of effort into his work.</p>