

S^t JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th Nov' 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed your half term and had a chance to see family and friends before lockdown.

In view of the government changes, staff will now be wearing masks when they are in shared areas around school and also when they meet and greet parents at the start and end of day. Please ensure that you are also wearing a mask at these times.

The rates in Rotherham remain high and we all need to do our bit to ensure school continues to remain open for all pupils

Head Boy and Head Girl

Interviews took place on Monday of this week. It was a really difficult decision and Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Smith were in awe of all the children who put themselves forward. I am pleased to announce that our new Head boy and Head girl will be: Finlay Smith and Caitlin Curtis.

New roles in Year 6

As the competition was so strong and because the year 6 children cannot take on jobs they would previously have done pre-covid we have created a few more roles:

We have appointed two prefects who will be responsible for the pupil news and jobs for Mrs Briggs; well done to Hasini and Alexia

A new sports captain to assist with Mr Rocket: Alfie Ward

Minni Vinnies group – to work with Mr Searson - Charlotte, Kayden, Charlie, Eloise, Caitlin and Finlay

We wish them all every success in their new roles.

Remote Learning

Children will have taken home today a remote learning exercise book. Inside the cover will have the children's log-ins for apps they use in school for example TT Rockstars, Bedrock, Spelling Shed and Numbots.

There is a different expectation following lockdown in the summer. Children are expected to complete work set by the teachers and return the book into school in the event that they have to self-isolate or the school bubble is closed.

School have produced a remote learning plan which is on the home page of the school website and also on class dojo – this outlines weekly lesson links for the children to follow. Links and work will also be placed on Class Dojo by the class teachers should we close bubbles.

In the event that your child has to isolate, your class teacher will be in contact via Class Dojo.



Known Diary dates:

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

Wednesday 11th November: School
Photos.

Monday 16th November: Odd sock
day

Thursday 3rd December: Interim
child reports to be sent out

Friday 11th December: Christmas
Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December:
Christmas presentations will be
placed on Class Dojo

Friday 18th December: Last day
school closes for Christmas



Attendance

If your child is ill, please ensure you contact school as soon as possible either through Class Dojo or telephone call and every subsequent day they are off. This is for safeguarding reasons. If you are choosing not to send your child to school during lockdown, you will still need to contact school on a daily basis.

If your child is self-isolating, an agreed return date will be discussed with yourself and you do **not** then need to contact school unless circumstances change.

Covid

If a parent or a child has had to have a Covid test – school need to see a screen print of the results before your child can return to school.

Parents Evening

We have had various discussions within the learning community and the Local Authority around parents evening. In view of the current climate, I am sure you will agree face to face meetings cannot take place. We are however conscious that you will want an update on how your child has settled back into school and how they are catching up on lost learning during lockdown.

Assessments will take place during week commencing 23rd November. We will then report the updated data and comments via an interim report, which will be sent home. You will then have an option to request a five minute telephone call with your class teacher.

We hope to be able to move back to face to face meetings in the summer term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Briggs

St Joseph's Cup Winner

This week, Jessica Seddons from Year 6 has been nominated for the St Joseph's Cup. Mrs Smith nominated Jessica for her outstanding attitude to learning. Jess tries her hardest and tries to go the extra mile. She is a great role-model and friend to everyone at St Joseph's and a reliable, supportive class member.



Golden Book Learners

Our Golden Book learners this week are:

<p><u>Year 1</u> Bonnie for creating a fabulous dot painting in her busy time. She really persevered and took her time.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u> Archie for working so hard on his design and technology project and his all-round great attitude.</p>	<p><u>Year 3</u> Daniel for always working 100% in every lesson!</p>
<p><u>Year 4</u> Yuvane for working so hard in class and always giving 100%.</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u> Oscar for setting an excellent example in lesson and at break times.</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u> Eloise for her great effort especially in reading lessons.</p>