



St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School



21 October, 2020

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term back at school I would like to start with a HUGE thank you to all our families for your support and co-operation. We are delighted to be able to say we have stayed fully open for everyone!

Staff have worked incredibly hard to implement additional controls and measures to keep everyone safe. Well done and thank you.

Holiday Reading

As Friday is a staff training day we are asking that all **children bring their reading folder to school tomorrow**. Children will be given a school Library Book to take home and read over the holidays.

You can also practise reading with your child by accessing the following online resources which are free!

Practise reading at home with Oxford Owl

The [free eBook library](#) has been created to help children aged 3-11 to develop their reading skills at home.

All the eBooks are free to use, but you will need to register to read your book. Please note, the eBooks are not optimised for mobile phones and are best viewed on a computer, laptop or tablet. You can register using the link below. https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html

Storyline Online- <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

This is an award-winning American site that features famous actors like Kevin Costner, Betty White, James Earl Jones, Eva Longoria, and others reading children's books. There is some animation of the book and the text is on screen for children to follow and/or read along with. There are many great quality stories for the children to choose from. You do not need to register on this site: simply visit the site and choose a book.

Cbeebies Storytime App

For younger children, the Cbeebies Storytime has stories designed to help support early years reading. Every story is brought to life with things to touch, swipe and play with. There are also questions to help develop comprehension skills. The app has over 40 stories in the library and new stories are regularly added.

Questionnaire

We have had a great response to the questionnaire that was sent out at the beginning of this week. Thank you. If you have not done so already please complete and return the questionnaire by Thursday 22 October. Thank you for your feedback, it is very much appreciated.

Online Safety Code of Conduct

If you have not already **signed and returned** the **'Online Safety Code of Conduct'** please return this to school by **Thursday 22 October**. It is very important that we have a signed agreement for ALL children.

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Reporting of Covid-19

In the event of your child displaying symptoms / accessing a test for Covid-19 during the half term holiday please follow the guidance below.

From Friday 23 October up to Sunday 25 October - If your child becomes unwell with Covid symptoms and **tests positive for Covid 19** then you **must inform school so that we can take the appropriate action**. School will need to inform other families if their child is identified as a close contact of your child and that their child needs to self-isolate for 14 days. Please use the contact details below.

From Monday 26 October until Friday 30 October - If your child becomes unwell with Covid symptoms and **tests positive for Covid 19** then please inform school using the contact details below.

Please contact school either by **Class Dojo** or by email
elaine.mathews@stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk

Please do not telephone the school office or use office email address as there is no-one in the office during half term.

If you need to contact school please supply the following information

- ✓ Name of child
- ✓ Date of Birth
- ✓ Date/time of onset of symptoms
- ✓ Date of test / result
- ✓ Confirmation of result
- ✓ Are other members of the household displaying symptoms
- ✓ Have any other members of the household tested positive

Health and Safety Please remember, for children with long hair, this must be tied back for school. This is important for health and safety reasons and helps prevent the spread of head lice. Please take the opportunity during half term to check your child's hair and treat if required.

Please do not have your child return to school with shaved 'fashion' haircuts. Thank you

And finally ... a reminder

Friday 23 October, 2020 is a staff training day - school is **closed** to children

Half term holiday - Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October. School re-opens Monday 2 November, 2020.

Please remember to check our website regularly for information.

Wishing you a safe and happy half term holiday,

God bless

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