



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though we have not started the term as we would wish, we of course would still like to say to everyone in our school community a very Happy New Year. Thank you again for all your kind words and gifts in the run up to Christmas and we hope you celebrated with your family as best as you could under the circumstances.

Here we are again in lock down with the school closed to all but a few children. We of course are open to critical worker's children and some children that we have invited into school. We would re-iterate that the safest place for your child is at home in the home environment-if there is no-one at home to look after your child/ren and you are a critical worker then we will try our very best to accommodate your needs. We have to strike the right balance between meeting the needs of the community and protecting children and staff that are in school. To that end please e mail the school in the first instance if you require a place for your child, we may have to start to prioritise if numbers reach a critical amount.

Remote learning during lock down

We will publish guidance and there will be a video for you to watch next week on Google classroom around expectations during this lockdown. There are very clear guidelines to schools about what Remote learning should look like. You will find this information on the website under the top tab parents and then the folder COVID information.

Your children can check in with their teachers twice a day live on line. In the morning your child's teacher will set the expectations for the day and in the afternoon check in will be to establish how they got on and if they had a good day. During the day your class teacher will be able to comment and interact with the children as they return work. If you have any technical problem please e mail or call the school and Mr Bath will help you.

We have an offer from the DFE to help you if you are having broadband/internet/mobile phone data limitations:

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile

- Sky Mobile
- O2

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

If this applies to you please e-mail the school in the first instance and we will be able to help you.

All children (apart from Reception) should by now have received their maths text book and a writing book to record any work they do during lockdown. Please let the school know if you haven't received yours by the end of the weekend.

We are hoping next Friday to have a whole school praise assembly, we will let you know and send you an invite if it can be achieved.

We will continue to sign post you to extra educational sites, particularly health, wellbeing and prayer, on the web site under the same route as before-parents/COVID information.

There are many Home Learning sites and we will promote a few in the weekly newsletter. We would particularly recommend this TWINKL home learning hub-just click on, or copy and paste the link below to access many free resources that are linked to the curriculum: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub>

PTFA

Thank you again to the PTFA for all the fund raising they did before Christmas. Watch this space as we are sure Mrs Gayle and the PTFA will come up with some more exciting lock down activities.

Although we didn't get around to the calendar, thank you to Mrs Reeson for putting the video together of all our budding photographers, the photos are F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S ! We have put the link on every classroom page so you can watch.

Safeguarding

Covid 19: Online Safety for Parents' webinar: "It is never going to happen to my child..."

Avon and Somerset Constabulary in response to Covid19 is offering two further dates of its **free** parent's webinar about online safety.

Content:

- Overview of online risks.
- Exploitation of children online.
- Technical protective and safety measures available.
- Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about the internet and how to work together to use the internet safely.

Presenters

- Androulla (Andri) Nicolaou, Prevention Officer and Coordinator
- Kristian Evans, Cyber Protect Officer
- Drew Jefferies, Cyber Protect Officer
- Verity Weston, Youth Project Coordinator

To book a place, please follow Eventbrite link below.

14 January 2021 7pm- 8.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parents-it-is-never-going-to-happen-to-my-child-tickets-133344289359>

8 February 2021 7pm – 8.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parents-it-is-never-going-to-happen-to-my-child-tickets-133347623331>

Mental Health/challenge For Children 10 years and over

What is the 30 Day Pupil Wellbeing Challenge?

Hi! I'm Jamie Peacock. I am a former Rugby League Champion player. In my rugby career, I played over 500 games, including over 50 times for England and Great Britain.

I've also won: 11 Super League Grand Finals, 4 Challenge Cups, 4 World Club Challenges, and I was selected for the Super League Dream Team World Best 13.

I didn't start out as a champion. But I believe everybody has a champion within them. Over the next 30 days we'll go on a journey to discover your inner champion.

I was able to excel in my career because of my focus and understanding of the importance of wellbeing.

If you don't know already, wellbeing consists of 4 areas:

- Positive Mindset
- Sleeping Well
- Physical Activity
- Eating Healthily

This programme is suitable for pupils in the UK aged 10 and over.

How do I access the challenge?

Register Here

parents and guardians can register their children

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/135695148843>

Jamie Peacock in Partnership with Schools Advisory Service is pleased to share the Be A Champion 30 Day Pupil Wellbeing Programme. With the sudden recent lockdown, Jamie and SAS wanted to help schools, academies and parents / guardians with resources to support their pupils and to empower young people to look after their mental and physical wellbeing.

This is why we are making this programme available to all students in the UK at no cost.

Jamie will introduce the 30 day challenge during a webinar where he will discuss his experience and how working on the four areas of wellbeing have affected his career and helped Jamie be a champion. **Sessions are limited, if there is a significant demand, future sessions will be made available.**

Every student that signs up will receive a digital copy of Jamie's new book to learn more about how they can improve their wellbeing and record their progress.

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Please find attached a letter from the COG about how you can support your school by becoming a Governor.

St Joseph's Church

For up to date Parish information and the latest newsletter please visit the parish web

www.josephfrancis.org.

We know that you are all trying your very best and that some days will be better than others. We are here to help if we can, so please do not hesitate to e mail your problems or worries and we will get back to you.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

[John 1:5](#)

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.