



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 13th November 2020

It has been a busy week in school and we have been reminded about how the current pandemic can have a huge impact on our school and our community.

As mentioned in a letter last weekend, one of our staff has tested positive and, as a result, our Reception class and some children from our After School Club are self-isolating **until Thursday 19th November**. Even though the children, families and staff are not on site, we are working with them remotely to offer as much support as we can.

Thank you again for your support with our PTFA, Shoeboxes and Foodbank Donations.

COVID Reminder

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/#symptoms> to remind yourself about the common symptoms.

Or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

It is essential that you or your child self-isolates if you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/> for more information.

Please inform school using office@st-josephs.org.uk if you or your child has symptoms or is waiting for a test. It is **essential** that any test results are reported to the school **as soon as possible**.

If you would like an update from the Department of Education, there is a page with information for parents <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Home Learning

For the reception class, our home learning will be supported using the Tapestry Learning Journal which allows staff, children and parents to work together and record what they are doing at home.

For all other classes, Year 1 to Year 6, we will be using the Google Classroom. If a whole class is self-isolating, then the teachers will arrange all lessons online and keep in touch via the platform. Staff are aware that there might be a small number of children working at home with their parents while the rest of the class is in school. There will be COVID packs on all classroom pages with information about the learning going on in school during the week. Children can also keep in touch via the classroom streams.

If you have any issues regarding logins or accounts, please email office@st-josephs.org.uk

MyMaths

Thank you to the PTFA for helping with funding for our MyMaths account which is now active. The school login details are as follows:

www.mymaths.co.uk

School Username: stjosephs5

School Password: square 59

These account details are the same for all children and give you access to the platform including games and teaching activities. Some of the games still require Flash Player.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will have a unique username in their journal; it is a number and a three letter password. They will need this to be able to see homework and record scores.

If you want to practise a mathematical skill or use a teaching lesson, you do not have to use the individual login but it will only be for practice and you won't record any scores.

After School Club

Despite the current situation for some Key Stage 1 children, After School Club is operating as usual for all other children. Please contact the after school club directly by email if you have any questions.

School Lunch Menu

We currently have a reduced level of staffing in the school kitchen and, as a result, we are simplifying some of the lunch options available. When children are registered each morning, they will be asked for dinner, vegetarian, jacket or packed lunch. Staff will make sure they know the options each day.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Hot dinner	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chicken Mayo Burger	Roast Pork	Beef Meatballs and Pasta	Fish Fingers
	Vegetarian	Chinese Noodles	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce
	Jacket	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans
Week 2	Hot dinner	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken	Pork Sausages	Fish Fingers
	Vegetarian	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce
	Jacket	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans
Week 3	Hot dinner	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne	Roast Beef	Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish Fingers
	Vegetarian	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce	Macaroni & Cheese	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce
	Jacket	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans	Tuna Cheese Beans

PTFA Wreath Making Event 2020

Launching this great event to raise money for the school 2020 style in lockdown! Make your wreath individually at home. Anyone is able to buy a pack - advertise to your family, friends and neighbours!

Get your wreath on your door in time for December!

Please support this fundraiser from the comfort of your own home on a Friday night! Click here to buy your kit: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ud9UXEgO3>

Portishead and Clevedon Foodbank

Thank you to all parents who sent in their donations to the foodbank for our harvest assembly. They were taken to the centre in Clevedon on Friday morning so will already be benefiting families finding the current times a challenge. We would like to continue to support the foodbank so there will be a collection box in the entrance foyer if you would like to make any additional donations during the next couple of months. A bag of pasta and some sauce makes a hot and filling meal for a family and costs very little when you are doing the weekly shop. Any support would be very welcome.

Cross Country

This week the children braved the cold, grey skies and windy weather to take part in our annual cross country event. This year, along with other schools in North Somerset, the focus was on the total distance covered by the school, with every child running a certain number of laps around a 200m course.

It was wonderful to see the children out together in their key stages, albeit spread out on the field. Every single child tried their absolute best and the teachers are all really proud of the determination they showed and the support that they gave each other.

The collective distances run by each class are as follows:

Year 1: 5,000m

Year 2: 8,400m

Year 3: 17,400m

Year 4: 25,600m

Year 5: 31,000m

Year 6: 37,200m

This gives a simply amazing total of 124,600m. 124.6km. 77.4 miles. A few hundred metres short of 3 consecutive marathons!

Our total gets added to the cumulative total in North Somerset, taking it to over 2,300miles. Congratulations to all the children for the participation in this.

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Parking!

We appreciate how busy mornings and afternoons can be but we would appreciate it if you **do not park in staff spaces in the mornings**. You can use staff spaces in the afternoon **after 2.45pm** as all staff should be on site at this time.

Performing Arts

Next week Mrs Shephard will be working with Year 3 on Tuesday and Year 4 on Wednesday.

There are some spaces still available if you are interested; email lu@lunaschool.co.uk or text 07779 335967.

St Joseph's Pre-School

The pre-school committee are looking for donations of items suitable for children aged 3-6 years to be used inside or outside the pre-school. If you have any quality toys, games, learning aids, outside play, vehicles that are in a safe and good useable condition they would be very welcome. This will help to save school spending in the set-up of the preschool. Items can be dropped off at Rachel's Mougeot's house please email her for further details: rachel.mougeot@gmail.com

Safeguarding

The NSPCC provides lots of useful resources for schools and families. Sometimes parents need reassurance about what is appropriate behaviour for children and the NSPCC is a great place to start for advice.

One really useful section is "Talk Pants" and the Pantosaurus song - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Keeping Warm in school

Instructions from the Government still include having well ventilated classrooms to increase air flow. To that end school is colder than normal please ensure your child is wearing extra layers underneath their uniform and they bring a warm coat to school that they can wear in class if necessary.

New Admissions – Starting school September 2021

If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of North Somerset Council.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions

If your child has been baptised and you wish to apply for our school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2021.

The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15th January 2020. There is an additional open afternoons when you can visit the school at 3pm on 19th of November; please contact the school office if you wish to attend. This will be a socially distanced open afternoon and will take place after the children have gone home. We are asking for parents only to attend this afternoon session.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you are a new Reception parent on a low income you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on line or come into the school office and we can help.

Further information can be found on the local authority website.

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

Remember although your child may be entitled to free infant school meals you can also apply if you feel you are eligible as the school also get support for your child to help with support teaching, equipment, subsidy for trips, music lessons, after school clubs and school uniform.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

