



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to everyone this week for supporting your children during this difficult time. I know that many of you are struggling with working from home and home educating your children and we really appreciate all your efforts. We are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible and if there is someone at home the Government guidelines are clear:

'Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can'.

We were pleased to see everyone during check in time this morning and we have been very impressed by the quality of work that is being returned to teachers. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you are having any technical issues that we can help you with.

We hope and pray that this won't last as long as the last time and that we can get everyone safely back to school soon.

Using Tech at Home to Support Learning

If you are trying to share laptops and tablets between your children, please remember that Playstation and Xbox machines have a web browser built in and you can then access google classroom on your television! If you have a spare USB keyboard you may be able to type into google docs and the other classroom applications.

Remote learning during lock down

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.

PTFA

The PTFA met last week and have come up with some great ideas to keep us all busy and fund raise for the school. The first of these will be 'St Joseph's got talent. See all the information below:

Children submit an act up to 2 minutes. The majority we imagine to be a max of 30secs like tricky goals, cartwheels etc. They email this into our PTFA email address which is on the poster.



We then place all the entries into classes and produce a video for each class. We will share this video for the year group to see.

Judges will pick the winning class. The winning class will win £100 to be paid by the PTFA to spend on what they need or want most.

A further 3 acts across all the entries these winners will receive a high street gift voucher of £10.

We will then put together a final video with all the best acts and share this video across the whole school capturing a good balance of ages.

The children pay nothing to enter it is purely for fun.

Safeguarding

Please see the attached leaflet 'You tube' parent fact sheet for help with keeping your children safe on line.

Curriculum news

White Rose Maths are excited to have produced a range of work booklets for parents and children to use during the next year. These booklets can be found on Amazon for the Kindle or downloaded on the link. There is one booklet for each of our blocks for Y1 to Y6. It's free!

<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-workbooks/>

Blue Peter

The BBC has launched Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC.

Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking , inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,

The Blue Peter Team!

Please check the web site- parent tab/Covid for extra information especially up to date prayers from Ten Ten that you can say with your family.

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.

Due to high demand and interest for this event, we have scheduled further events for:

- **Pupils on January 18, 19 & 27th**

Thank you again for all your support, stay strong we are all in this together and we will get through it.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

