



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we listened to the Prime Ministers message that he hoped some children would be back to school on the 8th of March (depending on data). We will have more definitive information on the 22nd of February; we are all hoping and praying that we can start to have some good news.

Thank you for all your positive messages of support, we are trying really hard to strike the right balance with on-line learning. Our morning and evening check in times continue to allow teachers and children to touch base with one another and their teacher. Your class teacher outlines the work for the day and explains how to access the various links that your child will need for the day's work. We are in the process of delivering the second round of math's books. Some of our teachers have prepared videos for your child to watch (particularly for younger children) explaining how to complete a task.

Some parents have asked about live teaching lessons, as we are a one form entry school with limited staff, we would find this very challenging at this present time. Teaching staff are stretched as it is, with children attending school plus providing quality curriculum lessons and feedback to all children.

Some schools have managed live teaching as they have more staff capacity (particularly secondary schools and bigger primary schools). At present secondary schools have on average 5% of their children attending and Primary schools 20%(we have 25% attendance over the week).

Parent questionnaire-On Line learning

We would however like to have your feedback about our online provision as we are constantly trying to improve how we do it. Please follow the link below to fill in the questionnaire; we welcome all comments as we strive to provide the best we can under very difficult circumstances.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLCo-zpAn5-2lpdIyAQdI9f-9Sc_siPWpseNITfY-e-fpOCw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Parent Teacher meetings

Thank you for your patience, we have been trialling a new platform so we can have face to face time. We have therefore pushed back the meetings to the original week beginning 8th of February. Meetings will take place on Tuesday the 9th and Wednesday 10th between 2pm and 6pm. Booking will start on Monday 1st February – you will need to enter your details and those of your child to log in. You will then be sent an email with a link for the meeting once you have chosen a slot.

<https://stjosephsportishead.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Stationary

If your child is running short of space in their exercise book we will set up a stationary station in the School Foyer next week. Please come to the Foyer and take a lined exercise book. You are welcome to take an extra book from the box of assorted exercise books.

Please come between 10am and 2pm to pick up. If someone is already in the foyer please wait until they come out. If you do not have transport to pick up please let us know and we will deliver.

PTFA

Please find attached the minutes of the last PTFA meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd February (Zoom meeting link will be posted on class pages).

It's the last day for the PTFA's got talent initiative; this was a bit of lock down fun for the children to enjoy. Please don't feel you have to enter or take part in the class group. It is exactly the same principle as if you chose to come to the event in the hall (not quite so much fun)!



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.

Mental health awareness

If you are having difficulties managing your children's and your mental health, we have placed information and links on the web site. Go to parents tab/mental health awareness. There are many helpful suggestions and links to organizations where you can get help.

Curriculum news

Please check the web site-parent tab/Covid for extra information and websites including Red Cross first aid training.

Under the RE/TENTEN resources you will find a link which will direct you to this week's family prayers and if you cannot attend mass there is a useful link to help you celebrate the Liturgy with your family.

Messages from the Chair of Governors: Mr M Flexman

Monday was the deadline for nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy. This vacancy arose because Mrs D Churcher's term expired on 25 January. The only name proposed was Mrs Churcher, so she has been elected unopposed for another term. This runs, seamlessly, for another four years from 26 January 2021. Mrs Churcher has children in Years 3 and 6.

The Governing body of St Joseph's school would like to appoint a Head Teacher starting from the 1st of September 2021.

To download an application pack, please visit:

st-josephs.org.uk/web/recruitment

or contact the School Office by email: office@st-josephs.org.uk or by telephone on 01275 848367.
Application Deadline: Monday 22nd February 2021 Interviews: Week Commencing 8th March 2021

If you know anyone who might be interested please pass on this information.

Thank you again for all your hard work supporting your children at home we appreciate everything you do.

Don't forget to join in prayer time with Mr Bath and Deacon Didier every Friday at 11.15am the link is on your class page. (It may be a different time next week due to other commitments).

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle." — Plato