



Parent's Newsletter Autumn Term 2016

Welcome!

A special welcome back as we start our Autumn Term together, we hope you all had an enjoyable break. The children have now settled after an emotional start.

We are delighted to welcome our new member of staff Alicia Stroud, who is very excited about her new role as a key worker. She is also looking forward to bringing her new ideas and sharing her knowledge with us all, Alicia is studying for her Foundation degree in Early Years.

Please feel that you can talk to anyone of us if you have any questions or concerns at all.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your children.

*Andrea Varga Pellizzon
and the team*

Important Dates for your Diary

11.11.2016- Princess and Heroes Day

21.12.2016- Last Day of Term

05.01.2016- First Day of Term



Notes and News

Outdoor Curriculum

As the outdoors is simply an extension of our curriculum here at St. Joseph's; we would ask you to bring suitable clothing each day to allow your child to benefit from 'all-weather' experiences; as the opportunities arise.

Outdoors is full of interesting and fascinating experiences where deep-level learning can take place on a daily basis.

Healthy Snack at snack time

Snack is provided to all our children by you, could you please provide your child with a piece of fruit or a vegetable.



Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must not be used once inside the nursery building.

Clothes

Could all parents make sure that they bring a spare change of clothes daily (needed for water play or toileting purposes), children's clothes need to be labelled.

Also could we ask parents to return any spare St. Joseph's clothes they may have at home.



Toys

Please discourage children from bringing these from home. We have lots of toys already and loss and breakage is always a possibility. If you do bring any toys in, we cannot take responsibility for any missing toys.

Sickness, Holidays & other absences



PLEASE make sure that you let us know as early as possible that day if your child will not be attending Nursery for any reason. Our number is: 0208 863 2006

This is an important requirement for all parents and carers.

If you have booked a holiday or a day out, please also let us know in advance.

Birthdays

Please note change - we have decided that children's birthdays will be celebrated within the sessions at St Joseph's. If you bring in any sweets and cakes these will be handed out to children at pick up time but please ensure all cakes are nut free. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Collection of Children

- Please note that if it is not yourself collecting your child arrangements have to be made with Nursery staff as to who will be collecting and preferably, a password given. Please try not to be late in collecting your child as this can be upsetting for the child and we need sufficient time to set up for the afternoon session and to clear up at the end of a day. Obviously, in the event of an emergency, children are always cared for by staff until collection is possible but please contact the Nursery to let us know that there will be a delay, if at all possible.

- An important reminder that children's safety on the school drive and the entrance foyer remains the responsibility of parents/carers both on arrival and departure.

- Can we also remind parents and carers not to leave children unattended in vehicles for short periods whilst dropping off/picking up, even close to the gates of nursery.

Emergency Evacuation Policy

A reminder that should we ever need to evacuate the nursery for any reason, our policy will be to take all the children to St Joseph's Primary School playground to keep them safe and then contact will be made with the parents/carers to pick them up from there.

Children have been practising the evacuation procedure at Nursery and learnt about how to keep safe in their home environment with the help of a Fire Man.



Change of Address & Contact Numbers

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you let us know immediately of any change of address, telephone or mobile contact details. In case of an emergency we are able to contact you!

And Finally

Christmas is fast approaching and as at Thursday 3rd Nov it is just 52 sleeps 'til Santa!!

Can we ask parents to provide us with empty small jars to get preparation started for our big day 'Christmas party'; will ask parents' support closer to date.

