



# St Joseph's Newsletter

## September 2020



### Welcome Back!

It is with great joy that we have welcomed all of the children of St Joseph's back to school this September. It is wonderful to have our entire school community back together again following the period of partial school closure; all of the children have made a wonderful start to the school year settling well into their new classes.

A very special welcome to all of our new additions to the St Joseph's family in Nursery, Reception and across the school, they have already made lots of new friends and have made a very positive start to their time at St Joseph's.

Thank you to our parent community for supporting our settling in procedures and our new school routine at the beginning and the end of the school day – as always your support is very much appreciated.

### Managing the Symptoms of Coronavirus

The NHS defines the symptoms of Coronavirus (including children) as:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child or a member of your household displays symptoms of Coronavirus:

- 1) Call the school office to inform the school
- 2) Book a test for Coronavirus
- 3) Self-Isolate until you receive the test results
- 4) Call the school office to inform the school of the results of the test

Upon receiving the results of the test, the senior leadership team will follow appropriate guidance as to what, if any, further action needs to be taken. If you are unsure whether your child or a member of your household is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, contact your GP for further advice.

### Arrivals and Collections

In order to prevent the potential spread of Coronavirus we are currently operating a staggered timetable for both arrivals and collections in line with government guidance. We ask for your support in implementing this routine effectively by ensuring that you know when your child needs to be dropped off and collected and ensuring that you arrive within the appropriate time slot. Please do not congregate on George Row before your child's drop off time as this increases the risk of transmission. Our school breakfast club is available from 8:00am if you wish to drop your child off earlier for a cost of £2.00 per day.

We ask for your support in maintaining social distancing between yourself and others when on and around the school premises.

#### Arrivals

8:30-8:45am Reception pupils + older siblings via Pupil Entrance

8:45-9:00am Y1 & Y2 pupils + older siblings via Pupil Entrance

9:00-9:15am Y3 & Y4 pupils + older siblings via Pupil Entrance

9:15-9:30am Y5 & Y6 pupils + older siblings via Pupil Entrance

8:40-8:55am Nursery pupils via Nursery Entrance (siblings to enter via pupil entrance at this time)

**Please Note: Siblings should be dropped off together at the youngest sibling's arrival time.**

#### Collections

3:00pm Nursery pupils + older siblings via Nursery Entrance

3:00pm Reception pupils + older siblings via Main Playground

3:15pm Years 1 & 2 + older siblings via Main Playground

3:30pm Years 5 & 6 via Main Playground

3:10pm McAuley Class + older siblings via Main Reception

3:20pm Felton Class + older siblings via Main Reception

3:30pm Joseph Class + older siblings via Main Reception

**Please Note: Siblings will be dismissed together at the youngest sibling's collection time and collection point.**

## **Uniform**

### **Reception to Year 6**

Upon returning to school, your child should be wearing the full winter school uniform including black shoes and a navy coat. Please note that coloured or black coats are not accepted. Furthermore, children are required to wear shoes, not trainers or black trainers. Girls are allowed to wear culottes provide they are of a 'skirt' style. Please remember jewellery, including stud earrings, is not permitted.

### **Nursery**

Children in the nursery are required to wear a school tracksuit and suitable footwear.

### **Hair**

Shaved hair patterns, coloured or unusual hairstyles, including the use of gel, are not permitted and boys' hair should be cut in a short, smart style. Girls should tie back long hair during the school day using sensibly sized and coloured headbands avoiding accessories such as large flowers and vibrant colours.

### **Additional**

Children in Reception and Years 1+2 should have a rectangular book bag for their reading books, homework and school letters. The rucksack is their PE bag. Children in Years 3-6 use the school ruck sack as their main school bag for books, letters, homework, etc. They should use the school holdall as their PE bag. Children in the nursery only require a rectangular book bag. Please note: all hats and scarves should be navy in colour.

## **Parent Mail**

Please check your 'Parent Mail' app regularly for updates and correspondence from the school.



## **Parents & Toddlers**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, St Joseph's Parents and Toddlers group remains closed until further notice. For updates please see our school website.

## **Staffing Notices**

A very warm welcome to Miss Brockbank (Peter Class), Miss Sawyer (Campion Class) and Miss Grant (Fisher Class) who officially join our teaching team this September and to Miss Hughes who begins her student teaching placement in Jerome Class. I am sure you will all join us in making them feel welcome as part of the St Joseph's community.

## **School Developments**

Over the summer, the school has undergone a number of exciting upgrades including a new surface on the rooftop terrace, new PE storage sheds and the development of new outdoor learning spaces for Nursery and Reception.

## **Breakfast Club**

We would like to remind our parents that we run a Breakfast Club on the school premises from 8.00am onwards. Prices are £2 per day and we are open Monday to Friday. There is a wide variety of food available including, cereals, fruit and fruit juice, toast with a variety of spreads and hot choices such as beans or scrambled eggs on toast. The Breakfast Club menu is available on the school website. If you would like your child to join our Breakfast Club, please ask at the school office for a Breakfast Club form. Once the form is completed, your child can hand it in directly to the Breakfast Club Manager (Miss Castagno) on the first day your child joins.

If you attend breakfast club, please drop your child off between **8:00-8:20am** to allow your child time to eat their breakfast before going to class.

## **School Website**

Our website contains lots of information that may be useful to parents and carers. The latest school and government guidance with regard Coronavirus can be found on the school website. The website is available to you on tablets and smart phones, as well as your PCs. We suggest that you save the site as a favourite, so that it is quickly and easily available to you.

[www.stjosephsgeorgerow.org](http://www.stjosephsgeorgerow.org)

## Birthdays

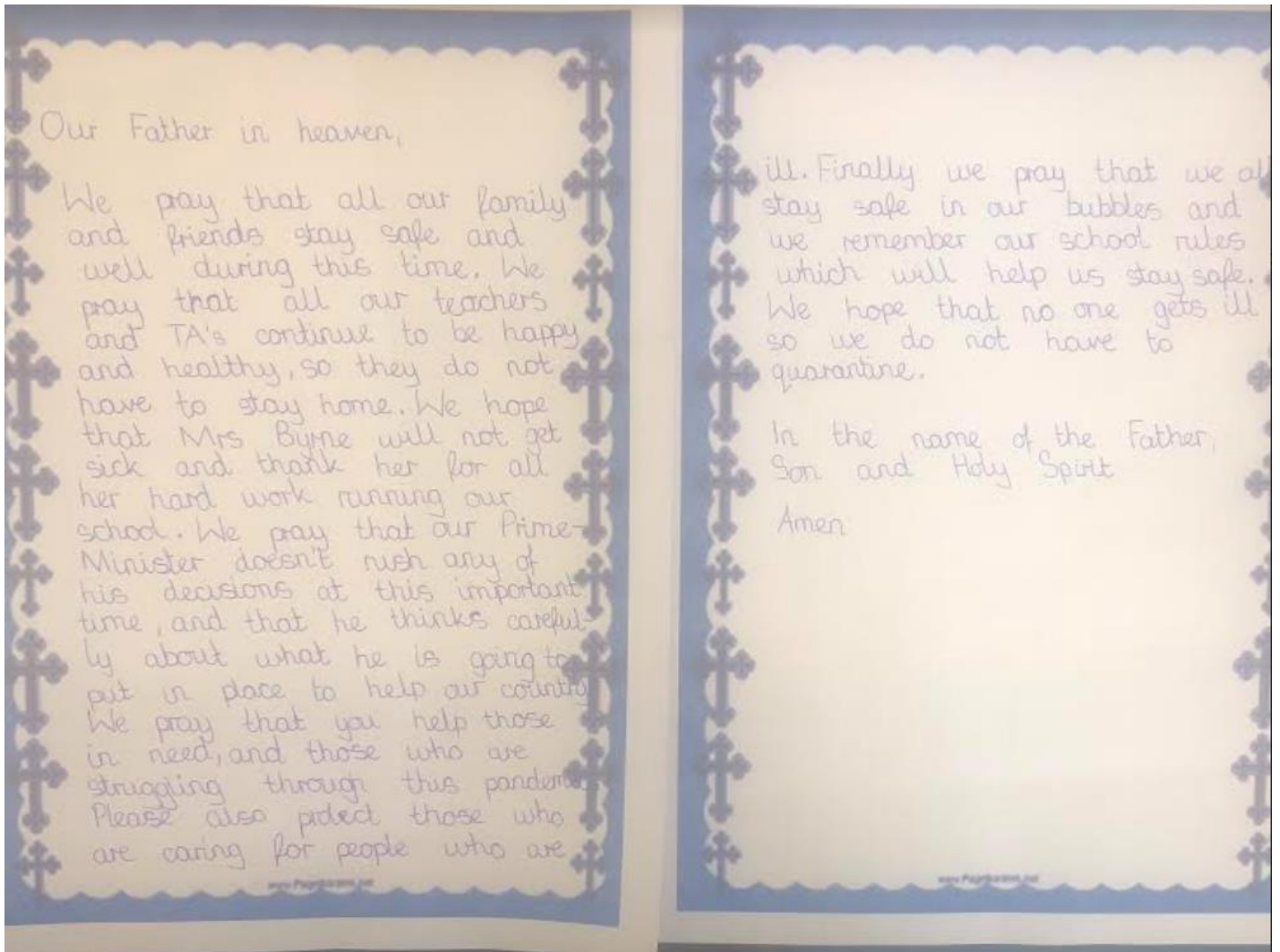
Having reviewed the updated government guidance, if you now wish to send treats into school so that your child can celebrate their birthday with their friends you are now able to do so. We recommend sending in individual cupcakes that can be easily distributed to the class. Please note: your child will only be able to share treats with children in their class. Please avoid boxes of sweets or party bags.

These arrangements are subject to change dependent upon government guidance.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Byrne or Mr Hoyes by appointment through the school office.

## Prayer of the Month: September



- Written by Teresa Class