



St Joseph's Newsletter

October 2020



Important Information

Our excellent start to the school year has continued for all our children, especially those in Nursery and Reception who have settled well into their new classes and already feel an established part of the St Joseph's family. Below are some important dates for your information:

- We break for the half-term on **Friday 23rd October at the usual dismissal times**
- Half-term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October.
- Children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November** - please see arrivals and collections (*Monday 2nd November INSET Day*)

Managing the Symptoms of Coronavirus

Thank you to our parent community for your vigilance in managing the symptoms of Coronavirus. Please see the guidance below:

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

Thank you to all parents for supporting our staggered arrival and collection times; this is a crucial measure in reducing the potential spread of the Coronavirus.

Please note: If your child arrives after their allotted time slot they will be marked late on their attendance record.

It is crucial that your child arrives at school before the end of their arrival window as this is the time that their teacher will then begin lessons in class.

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 earliest 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

All children should be wearing the full winter school uniform including:

Girls:

- Blue Shirt
- School Tie
- Navy Skirt/pinafore/culottes
- Navy Cardigan
- Black Shoes (not trainers)
- Navy Tights/Socks
- Navy School Jacket
- Navy School Winter Hat
- Navy scarf and gloves

Boys:

- Blue Shirt
- School Tie
- Grey Trousers
- Grey Jumper
- Black Shoes (not trainers)
- Grey Socks
- Navy School Jacket
- School Winter Hat
- Navy scarf and gloves



You may wish to put a small badge on your child's coat to help them identify this, if they are unable to read their name at present. Please remember jewellery, including stud earrings are not permitted. Shaved hair patterns, coloured or unusual hairstyles, including the use of hair products, e.g. hair gel, are not permitted and children should tie back long hair during the school day. Please remember to label all items of uniform and return any items taken in error.

Uniform may be purchased online at: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/st-josephs-014b-r-c-primary-school-20988> by following the link on the school website.

Target Setting Parents' Evenings

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we shall be hosting two separate Parents' Evening this half-term.

The EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 21st October** from 3:30-8:30pm.

The KS2 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 22nd October** from 3:30-8:30pm.

All appointments have been booked with your child's class teacher via 'Parent Mail'.

Throughout the evening we shall be implementing strict measures to reduce the potential spread of the Coronavirus – further details will follow.

Parent Mail

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



Handwriting

Please find attached a copy of St. Joseph's handwriting script. We continue to use the 'Nelson' handwriting script and the information attached provides you with clear guidance on how we form each letter of the alphabet, our joined writing style and how we teach handwriting. Please support this handwriting style when assisting your child with his/her written homework.

Absences

Please remember to contact the school on the first day of your child's absence and then subsequently for each day s/he is absent. On their return to school, please ensure you have sent in a note explaining the reason for the absence. The note needs to be addressed to the class teacher. Please ensure that all holidays are booked within the school holiday periods – refer to term dates on the website.

Child Appointments

Please remember to book medical appointments outside of school hours where possible. Medical professionals are very accommodating of this as they understand the negative impact of disrupting children's daily education. Where appointments are within school time, please can you provide the school with a copy of the appointment card/letter so your child receives the correct mark in the register.

October: Month of Mary



During the months of October and May we remember Mary, the Mother of God. We encourage the children to say the Hail Mary and pray the Rosary in school. As always, we are grateful for your support in promoting and enhancing this important part of our children's spiritual development.

Poppy Sales

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to sell poppies at school this year as their production has been disrupted. The British Legion are still encouraging people to donate and to raise awareness of the sacrifice made by soldiers in the world wars and in all other subsequent conflicts in other ways. For further information, please visit:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>



Prayer of the Month: October

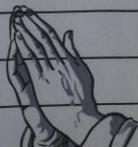
Campion Class Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the world you gave us, for the air we breathe, for the food, water and shelter we receive. Please help those in need around the world, for those who are sick, heal them with your merciful love especially during this time of Covid. Thank you for giving us hope with your light.

We thank you also for all our special qualities that make us unique and thank you for our families that help to make us unique. Please keep them safe,

Amen.



- Written by Campion Class

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.



Goodbye

At the end of this half term we bid goodbye to Miss Martin. Miss Martin has been a valuable member of our premises team and indeed our school community for nearly twenty years. On behalf of the entire St Joseph's community, we offer her our sincerest thanks for her hard work and dedication to the children of St Joseph's over the years and wish her a very happy and well deserved retirement. We assure her that she will always remain part of the St Joseph's family.

Furthermore, we also say goodbye to Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill has been a wonderful member of our Early Years Team and on behalf of all the staff at St Joseph's we wish to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the children in the Nursery and in Reception. We wish Mrs Hill every success in her future endeavors.

We will very much keep Miss Martin and Mrs Hill in our prayers over the coming weeks.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Miss Paszkowski to our Nursery team this half term; please join us in making her feel welcome to the Nursery.

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