



St Joseph's Newsletter

February 2021



Schools are Re-opening!

We are delighted to announce that following the period of school closure since the beginning of the Spring Term, we shall be welcoming back all children to St Joseph's from **8th March 2021**. All of the St Joseph's staff are very much looking forward to seeing all of our pupils again and return to learning in the classroom.

Upon our return to full re-opening, we shall be implementing strict measures to prevent the potential spread of the Coronavirus and to keep our pupils, staff and wider community safe. For more information please see our 'School Opening Guidelines' available on our school website for further details.

INSET Day - Friday 5th March

On Friday 5th March, school **will be closed** to all pupils, including the children of critical workers and vulnerable groups. This is to allow teachers to prepare for the school's full re-opening. All of the children will be provided with remote learning for this day via the Google Drive.

Our Lenten Project

Our Lenten project this year is 'The Gift of Sacrifice'. Throughout this project the children will be reflecting upon the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all through his death and resurrection as we approach Easter. Furthermore, the children will reflect upon how they, like Jesus, can make sacrifices in order to give to others. Each week, Mrs Byrne will lead a reflection upon the Gospel from the upcoming Sunday through a virtual assembly and will introduce the focus for your child's personal reflection that week. Your child will have the opportunity to complete their personal reflection upon their cross template. Next week, Tuesday, 2nd February, you will be able to access the assembly video remotely via Google Drive. Upon their return to school the children will watch the assembly videos as a class.



Dates for Your Diary

INSET

Friday 5th March- School **will be closed** to all pupils

Term Dates

Wed. 31st March - Break for Easter

Mon. 19th April - Beginning of the Summer Term

Arrivals and Dismissals

From the 8th March will be operating a staggered drop off and dismissals period. Please note your child's drop off and collection times below. Please note: all siblings will dropped off or collected at the youngest siblings drop off or collection time.

Arrivals

8:30-8:40am Reception pupils + siblings via Pupil Entrance

8:40-8:50am Y1 & Y2 pupils + siblings via Pupil Entrance

8:50-9:00am Y3 & Y4 pupils + siblings via Pupil Entrance

9:00-9:10am Y5 & Y6 pupils via Pupil Entrance

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

Dismissals

Nursery pupils will be dismissed from the Nursery at 3:00pm

Reception pupils + older siblings will be dismissed from the playground at 3:00pm

Year 1 & 2 pupils + older siblings will be dismissed from the playground at 3:15pm

Year 5 & 6 pupils will be dismissed from the school playground at 3:30pm

The children in Years 3 and 4 will be dismissed from **Main Reception:**

McAuley Class + siblings at 3:10pm

Felton Class + siblings at 3:20pm

Joseph Class + siblings at 3:30pm

Remote Learning

A massive well done to all the children and parents working from home on your remote learning, the teachers could not be prouder of all of the effort that has been put in at home to enable all of our children to achieve their full potential in their learning. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful work children have been doing at home upon their return to school. Please send your child's home learning book with them into school on the first day they return so that it can be assessed by your child's teacher.

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 boots. 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.

All school uniform can now be purchased online from:
<https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/st-josephs-014b-r-c-primary-school-20988>

Parents' Comments

Thank you to all parents for your comments and suggestions for school improvements. If you do have any suggestions for school developments please feel free to get in touch via the school office.

World Book Day

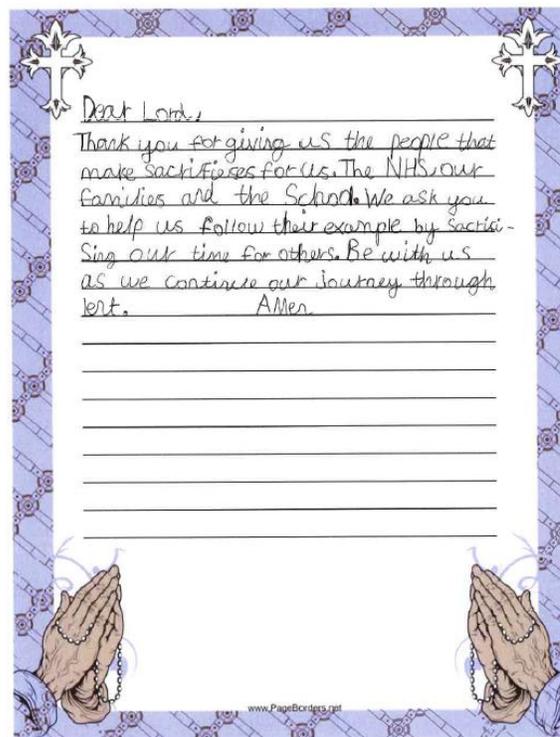
On the 4th March we shall be celebrating World Book Day. The theme of World Book day this year is 'Share a Story'. Keep a close eye on your remote learning on Thursday for some of our teachers' favourite stories and more fun book based activities.



With Deepest Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the passing of Mrs Harb, who was a much loved member of our teaching staff. Mrs Harb retired in 2012 after dedicating 27 years to the children and families of our school community. She will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives she touched. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Prayer of the Month



For regular news updates please see the school website:
www.stjosephsgeorgerow.org

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