



St Joseph's Newsletter

March 2021



Welcome Back!

It was with absolute joy that we welcomed back all of our children to St Joseph's on Monday 8th March. All of the staff have been delighted to see and work with the children face to face once more. The children have made a wonderful start to life back in the classroom, expressing their pleasure at seeing their friends and teachers again. Furthermore, the children have been working diligently upon their return to class.

Remote Learning

Thank you and well done to all children and parents who worked incredibly hard upon their remote learning during the period of school closure; it has been a pleasure to see all the wonderful work that the children completed during this time now they are back in school. If you have not yet returned your child's home learning work to their teacher, please send all work completed at home into school with your child to give to their class teacher. Teachers will provide feedback upon work completed at home as part of your child's end of year report.

Our Lenten Project

As we move ever closer to Easter, the children have been engaging wonderfully in our Lenten project 'The Gift of Sacrifice'. Each week of Lent, through our virtual assemblies and class reflections, the children have been reading, discussing and reflecting upon the reading from the coming Sunday's Gospel. The children have then been taking the time to reflect upon what sacrifices they can make in different areas of their life in order to give to others and move closer to God during this special period of the liturgical year.



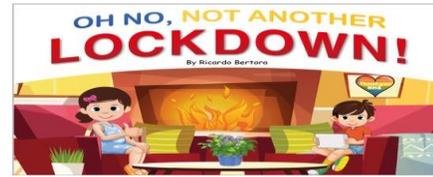
World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March we celebrated World Book Day virtually through our remote learning. Our theme this year was 'Share a Story'. Our teachers and children had a wonderful time sharing and enjoying their favourite stories as part of this international celebration of reading.

Staying on the theme of sharing a story, we would like to share a hilarious new book written by Ricardo Bertora, a member of our parent community. It is a humorous story about life in lockdown, which we are sure, will resonate with many parents! Not only is it funny but it is for a good cause as £1 from every purchase will be donated to NHS Charities!

If you would like to purchase a copy and support the NHS please follow the link below:

<https://www.rbbbooks.co.uk/products/oh-no-not-another-lockdown>



Arrivals and Dismissals

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

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

- 3:00pm Nursery pupils will be dismissed from the Nursery
- 3:00pm Reception pupils + older siblings will be dismissed from the playground
- 3:15pm Y1 & Y2 pupils + older siblings will be dismissed from the playground
- 3:30pm Y5 & Y6 pupils will be dismissed from the school playground

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

Goodbye Mrs Subebe

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mrs Subebe at the end of the spring term. Mrs Subebe has taught at St Joseph's for 18 years and will very much be missed by us all. On behalf of all the children and staff who have worked with Mrs Subebe over the years, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks to her for her hard work and commitment to the children of this community over all the years she has worked at St Joseph's. Mrs Subebe will very much be in our thoughts and prayers as she begins the next stage of her journey and will forever be part of the St Joseph's family.

Coronavirus

We ask our parent community to continue to be vigilant in how they manage the symptoms of Coronavirus in their household and in their family. Furthermore, we ask you to continue to adhere to the preventative measures which we are implementing as a school to inhibit the potential spread of the virus.

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

Over the Easter holiday period if a member of your household displays symptoms of COVID-19 we ask that you inform the school using the following email address: covid@stjosephs-georgerow.southwark.sch.uk. This is for the purpose of 'track and trace'. This email address should not be used for any other purpose.

Parents' Comments

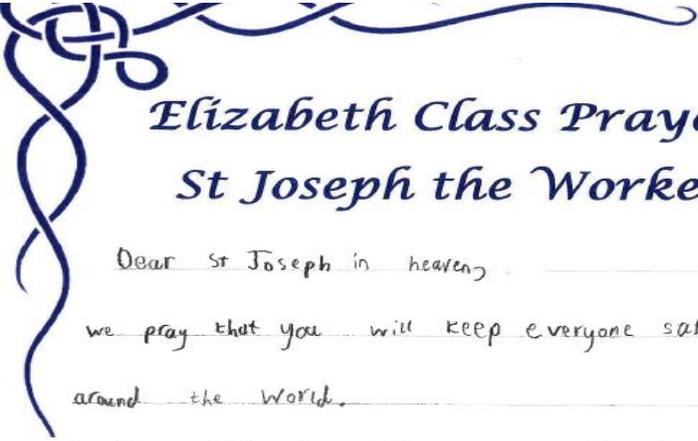
Thank you to all parents for your comments and suggestions for school improvements. If you do have any suggestions for school developments please feel free to get in touch via the school office.

Summer Uniform

When we return to school after the Easter Holidays, the children should return to school wearing their summer uniform.

- Girls – summer dresses (light blue and white check); navy blue cardigans and white socks or tights.
- Boys – light blue polo shirts with either grey shorts or trousers and grey jumpers (please remind your son(s) to tuck shirts in and to fasten their top buttons)
- Parents of nursery children can choose whether to send their children into school wearing a summer uniform or their usual track suits.

Items of summer uniform are on sale from the website: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/st-josephs-014b-r-c-primary-school-20988>



Elizabeth Class Prayer:
St Joseph the Worker

Dear St Joseph in heaven
we pray that you will keep everyone safe
around the world.
please protect all the workers who
have been helping us in the pandemic.
Guide our families and
our school through
the difficult times
We face together.



In Jesus holy name we
Pray. Amen

For news and updates during 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.