



St Joseph's Newsletter

May 2021



Important Information

Dear parents/carers, we hope this letter finds you well and that you are having a good week. Please read this letter carefully for important information regarding school.

We break for the summer half-term – **Friday 28th May** at your child's normal dismissal time.

We return to school after the summer half-term break on **Monday 7th June** at your child's normal arrival time.

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

Arrivals

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

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

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

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

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

Virtual Class Assemblies

Congratulations to Teresa Class, Champion class and Joseph class for leading our school community in three wonderful assemblies reflecting upon the message of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.

Please see the dates below for our upcoming virtual class assemblies. Please note: Parents of the children in the class whose assembly is taking place will be sent a link to the assembly via ParentMail on the morning of the assembly.

Upcoming virtual class assemblies:

Felton Class Assembly – Friday 21st May

McAuley Class Assembly – Friday 28th May

Jerome Class – Friday 11th June

Baptist Class – Friday 18th June

Elizabeth Class – Friday 2nd July

Peter Class – Friday 9th July

John Paul Class – Friday 16th July

COVID-19 Safety Measures

Despite the fact that the government has announced the nationwide easing of COVID-19 safety measures, as a school we will continue to implement a thorough system of safety measures to continue to protect our school community. Please see a summary of these measures below:

- The children will continue to be taught in class bubbles
- A rigorous routine for cleaning classrooms and communal areas
- All adults will wear face masks in communal areas
- Staggered arrivals and dismissals
- All parents must wear facemasks when on the school site

We appreciate your support with keeping our school community safe.

Managing the symptoms of 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.

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 **PCR 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

School Lunches

School lunches continue to be offered to all pupils free of charge as part of the 'Southwark Free Healthy School Meals' scheme.

All of our meals are prepared on site using fresh ingredients by our very experienced kitchen team. Each day, the children are offered a choice of three main courses, two vegetables and a desert (including fruit and yoghurt), as well as an unlimited choice from the salad bar and fresh bread. Our menus include a broad range of dishes from around the world which alternate on a 4 week cycle. Every term, the cycle of menus completely change in order to keep the choice of options interesting for the children and to ensure that they are given the opportunity to try a wide variety of dishes. These menus are available to view on the school website at: <https://stjosephsgeorgerow.org/lunch-time/>

As a provider of school food we are required to comply with the Department for Education's School Food Standards. These standards specify the range of food groups that need to be included in a school menu across the course of a week and the portion sizes that we are permitted to serve the children from each food group. Our school menu and portion sizes are fully compliant with School Food Standards, as has been verified a number of times during inspections from the local authority.

At St Joseph's we are committed to providing our children with healthy, well balanced meals and educating them about what constitutes a healthy diet. During lunch times we encourage our children to eat their vegetables and to take salad and bread from the salad bar in order to ensure that they have eaten enough food to sustain them through their afternoon's learning. If your child is reluctant to eat vegetables and salad, we strongly recommend you to encourage your child to try eating these at home so that they are more confident trying these dishes in school. Furthermore, you may wish to look through the menus on the school website with your child prior to each week to help them plan the meals that they are going to choose in school.



Summer Uniform

All children should now be attending school in their summer uniform:

- Girls – summer dresses/culottes (light blue and white check); navy blue cardigans and white socks or tights. black shoes
- 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) black shoes
- 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>

Communication

If you have any queries or questions you are welcome to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day. Please wait until they have dismissed the majority of their class before approaching them to allow them to safely dismiss the children. Furthermore, you are welcome to book a meeting with your child's teacher or a member of the senior management team by calling the school office.

Congratulations Mrs Byrne!

It is with great joy that we welcome the newest member of the St Joseph's family into the world. On Sunday 16th May, Mrs Byrne gave birth to a beautiful baby girl whom she has named Nora Rose Byrne.

On behalf of the entire St Joseph's community, we extend our sincerest congratulations to Mrs Byrne, and her husband on the birth of their daughter – our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very special time.



Prayer of the Month

Dear Mary,

Thank you for being a
wonderful mother to Jesus.
Thank you for loving us all.
Please help us to be kind,
caring, loving and patient
like you. Protect us like
you did with Jesus.

We love you.

Pray for us.

Amen.

