

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL

23rd April 2021

Welcome Back / Head Teacher Message:

Welcome back to all our children and families. I hope you have had a wonderful Easter Break and managed to make the most of the little nice weather we had and managed to have some family time together. I have been thrilled to see all children returning to school, ready and eager to learn for our Summer Term. As I walk around school, I have been able to see some of the exciting learning taking place.

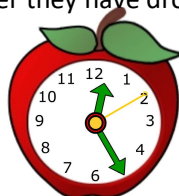


As we move into summer and hopefully are blessed with some beautiful weather, a reminder to all that sun protection will be needed to keep everyone protected from the sun. Please ensure that any hats coming into school are named to avoid confusion and that sun cream is applied before coming to school on those days when the sun is particularly strong.

Reminder: Start and Finish Times:

We are continuing with the staggered start and finish times this term so we can ensure that we continue to do our best to keep everyone safe. As a reminder children should arrive and be collected at the following times. It is essential that parents do not remain in the playground after they have dropped off or collected children.

- Nursery AM – 8.45am – 11.45am
- Nursery PM – 12.35pm – 3.35pm
- Nursery All Day 8.45am – 3.35pm
- Owls, Year 1 and Year 2 – 8.50am – 3.30pm
- Years 3 – 6 – 8.30am – 3.10pm



If you have children across different year groups, all children should arrive for 8.30am and be collected at 3.30pm.

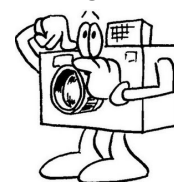


Welcome to Miss E Reynolds

Miss Reynolds joined the St Joseph's School Community on Thursday 22nd April as a Class Teacher in Year 4. Mrs Hall will continue to teach our Year 4 pupils at the beginning of the week with Miss Reynolds continuing with class teaching on a Thursday and Friday. If you see Miss Reynolds around school, please join us in welcoming her into our wonderful community.

Class Photos

Class Photographs will take place on Monday 26th April 2021. Please ensure that all children are wearing their full and correct uniform on Monday.





Swimming

We are pleased to announce that school swimming lessons will commence again from next week. Due to the current restrictions in place, we will only be taking one bubble of children at a time. Year 6 children will be the first group to attend, followed hopefully by Year 5 later in the term. We are aware that some children have not yet had the opportunity to attend due to the full closures last year, but will ensure that all children get the chance to receive lessons.



Wrap Around Care Bookings

Please can we remind all parents that it is important to book children in for all of the Wrap Around Care sessions available (Breakfast Club, Early Birds, Afterschool Club). There are some days when we are nearing capacity and due to safeguarding and health and safety guidelines we are unable to be flexible on the maximum numbers allowed.

All bookings should be made through ParentMail and we believe that the issue with booking the Early Birds breakfast has now been resolved. Any parents still having difficulties with the ParentMail system can book places by calling the school office or emailing office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk.

If we reach the maximum number of attendees, children not booked in will not be able to stay.

22 April



World Earth Day

On Thursday 22nd April 2021 we have celebrated world Earth day in which we think about how we can care for our planet. The theme of World Earth day this year is "**Restore Our Earth**" and its focus is on natural processes, emerging green technologies and innovative thinking that can restore the world's ecosystems. We have been focusing on ways that we can contribute towards climate change and make positive changes to help our communal home. In class, we have all made class pledges about how we can work together to do this. There is also the opportunity to further this work and gain a special Blue Peter badge for work towards "Restoring our Earth". For more information on how to apply for this badge and what you need to do, see the link below. Please share with us if you gain your green Blue Peter badge, we would love to know!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

Derbyshire County Council will now be supporting the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust with the application and administration processes for Pupil Premium and Free School Meal Eligibility. We are working with Derbyshire County Council to ensure that all current information is transferred appropriately, so parents who currently receive Free School Meals should hopefully not need to re-register. Any parents who believe they should be in receipt of these benefits can apply through the following webpage; <https://ololcmat.co.uk/ppcheck>
If you need any further information, please speak to a member of staff in the school office.





EU Settlement Scheme:

Newark and Sherwood District Council have provided the attached leaflet for us to share with our families who may need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Under the UK's Withdrawal Agreement following the Brexit Vote in 2016, the vast majority of EU citizens must apply, before the deadline of the 30th June 2021. The scheme is free and EU citizens should fill out the application form online. Further information and access to the application can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>

If anyone needs any support with the application, Sherwood & Newark Citizens Advice can offer support on 01623 861769 or through email on advice@sn-ca.org.uk

Forest School – Resources Needed



We are now running Forest School and are looking for resources to support with an activity we would like to undertake. Mrs Jordan is asking for old spoons, if you have any spoons that you no longer need, donations will be gratefully received at the School Office. Thank you



Attendance:

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 4 who achieved 100% attendance during the last week of term

Class	% Attend
Nursery	88.7
Reception	80.0
C1	96.7
C2	100.0
C3	97.5
C4	100.0
C5	94.2
C6	98.3
Overall	94.5



Commendations:

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for commendation

Class	Pupil
Nursery	Lily S
Reception	Freddy B
C1	Lydia P
C2	Iyla G
C3	David C
C4	Harry W
C5	Bentley F
C6	Millie H-R
Special commendation from Mrs Bracegirdle	Hannah P

