

11th February 2022



Covid Updates

With the increasing numbers of Covid cases and the new Omicron variant we are continually monitoring the latest government guidance and making the necessary adjustments to play our part in keeping everyone safe.

We are slowly making adjustments to what measures we have in place with the hope that we will be able to lift all of these in the near future. The following measures remain in place and we ask for your support with these;

- No Visitors are to come into school unless for Essential Visits i.e. Health Visitors and all visitors to our school will need to wear face coverings. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be able to invite Parents or Carers in for any performances or assemblies. Outside Sporting Activities have limited numbers.
- Adults and Children to undergo regular Lateral Flow Testing to ensure no positive cases come into school unknowingly.

Positive Cases in School:

Cases in school are remaining low, our latest cases are as follows;
2 cases in F1 and 1 case in Year 2

All cases still appear to be isolated however, we are monitoring children for signs of symptoms and ask that you also do this yourselves, along with following the guidance below. If you have any questions or concerns about Covid in school, please contact the school office and we will be happy to support you;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

You're **not required to self-isolate** if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated
- you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If you are aged 5 years and over and have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, and you are not legally required to self-isolate, **you are now strongly advised to:**

- take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days
- take this daily lateral flow test before you leave your home for the first time that day

If any of these lateral flow tests are positive, you should immediately self-isolate in order to protect other people.

We have been advised that local residents are able to collect boxes of 20 LFT's on a Monday and Thursday from the car park at the back of the NatWest building, if you need these, alternatively you are able to order them online.



St Joseph's Mass – Saturday 5th February 2022 – Well Done Maisy!

We would like to say thank you and well done to Maisy W (C5) who was the Parish Ambassador during last week's Mass. You did a wonderful job, and we are very proud of you!

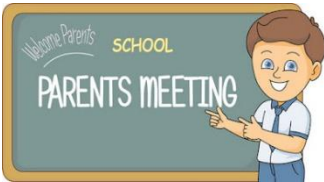
Cross Country Competition

A big WELL DONE to our runners Harry M (C6), Antoni P (C5), Maisy W (C5) who represented Newark & Sherwood at Berry Hill, Mansfield, last weekend in the schools cross country competition



Announcement:

We are pleased to share the wonderful news and pass on congratulations to Mrs Marriott who welcomed a new baby girl into her family earlier this week. Mum and baby are both healthy and doing well and we are sure you join us in wishing the Marriott family all the very best.

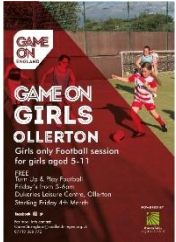


Parents Evening 22nd and 24th February

Parents consultation meetings will be available for you to book on Parentmail this week. Meetings are scheduled to take place via TEAMS, with the possibility of some phone calls should you have technical difficulties. Please speak to your child's class teacher to confirm the most appropriate method for you. Meetings will still need to be booked through ParentMail, if you have difficulty with this, please speak to the school office staff who will be happy to help.

Forest School Requests

For Forest School activities we need lots of sticks, whilst you are out and about over the next half term, please ask your children to look out for some really nice sticks. Ideally if children can bring two sticks, each as long as their arm and no thicker than their thumb, it would be really appreciated.



Game on Girls (Football)

Game on England are putting on girls only football sessions at Dukeries Leisure Centre. Starting Friday 4th March from 5pm – 6pm girls are able to just turn up and play football for free. For more information contact:

GameOnEngland@coalfields-regen.org.uk

Year 6 Residential to Cefn Lea - Wales

We are finally able to confirm that our Year 6 pupil residential will be taking place 13th – 17th June 2022. The expected cost will be approximately £200. We are now asking for parents to pay a deposit of £30.00 through ParentMail to confirm your child's place.



The Deep (Years 2, 3 & 4) – 2nd – 3rd March 2022 – Total Cost £60

Children attending the overnight visit to the Deep, please can you return your completed Consent forms to the office ASAP and any outstanding payments are to be paid by the end of February.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Kingswood. A reminder that Year 5 have a residential visit to Kingswood in April 2022. The total cost for the visit, which includes all food and activities is £160. After the initial deposit payment of £30, the remaining £130 can be paid in instalments, with the final balance due by the 31st March 2022.



Mental Health and Wellbeing – Focus on Gratitude

Following on from Children's Mental Health Week, all the St Joseph's staff have been included in their own session regarding their Wellbeing – We have focused on Gratitude! Finding something to be thankful and grateful for every day, no matter how big or small this is. This is the start of a whole school project, which will include our pupils, our families and our visitors to school. We encourage you to join us and take some time this holiday to find things in your own life to be grateful for, speak to your children about the things in their lives that they should be thankful for. Show someone you appreciate them with a small token your appreciation. We say THANK YOU to all of the St Joseph's Community for their support this term.

Key Dates

Below are reminders of those key dates for the next few weeks with any new dates or any amended dates reflected.

- 14th – 18th February - Half Term (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)
- 22nd and 24th February – Parents Consultation Meetings
- 28th February – Year 3 and 4 Mass
- 1st March – St David's Day – Children in House St David may wear Yellow to school on this day
- 2nd March – Overnight residential to The Deep
- 2nd March – Ash Wednesday
- Week 28th Feb – 4th Mar – World Book Week





Congratulations to all of our pupils who have made our celebration page this week. If there is anything you think your child deserves a special mention for, for the things they do outside of school please email office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk



as we would love to include them on this page.

Mrs Wilkins-Campbell's Forest School Friends

Thank you to all the children who have this term been selected to be Mrs Wilkins-Campbell Forest School Friends. She has had a wonderful time getting to know the children and we hope that your children have enjoyed their time as well. Mrs Wilkins-Campbell is looking forward to getting to know more children next term.

Mrs Bracegirdle's Star
Alfie S and William-Jaymes (C6) for all the help and support they give to the School Community

Middy Supervisor Stars
Scarlett-Rose P (F1) for being kind, helpful and caring towards her friends.
Miley M (C3) for being kind and playing nicely with her friends

Mrs Broad's Special Mention
Elliott W (C4) for his bravery

Outside Achievements

Iyla W (C1) has been a superstar this week showing us her swimming Well Done Iyla!!

Noah P-C (C4) has proudly show us his certificates from his boxing club. Congratulation on achieving student of the month Noah!

Wrap Around Care

What a lovely end to this half term with a Forest School Holiday Club – A little frosty to start with but the beautiful sunshine has helped to warm and cheer the children up.

They have enjoyed the outdoors with den building and hot chocolate and biscuits in the garden along with some indoor activities including painting bird boxes. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make our Wrap Around provision a success.



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance last week. Well Done!!!



Year 6

F1	91.2%
F2	91.0%
C1	98.0%
C2	94.7%
C3	93.8%
C4	83.6%
C5	84.2%
C6	93.3%
Overall	91.2%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Emily W
F2	Aaron P
C1	Evan B
C2	Freddie P
C3	Libby W
C4	Oscar P
C5	Elliot L
C6	Alfie S

