

4th 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.

As a reminder the following measures are currently in place and we ask for your support with these;

- Staff are asked to wear face coverings in communal places around the school.
- 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;

1 case in F1

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.

THANK YOU!

Uniform – Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all parents and carers for supporting with making sure that children are in the correct uniform. The changes in the standards are already being noticed in both the presentation and behaviours around school.

Mrs Wilkins-Campbell.



St Joseph's Mass – 5pm Saturday 5th February 2022.

One of our pupils, Maisie W (C5) will tomorrow be acting as Parish Ambassador. She will be talking during Saturday Night Mass at 5pm, on the wonderful work we are doing in school. All of the St Joseph's Community are welcome to attend.



Cross Country Competition

We would like to wish our runners Harry M (C6), Antoni P (C5), Maisy W (C5) good luck as they represent Newark & Sherwood at Berry Hill, Mansfield, tomorrow morning in the schools cross country competition.





Next Week 7th – 10th February 2022

Next week there will be lots of events taking place in school, acknowledging a few national initiatives that are taking place.



Children Mental Health Week –

Children will be taking part in well-being activities, including a 'Draw Along' and focusing on the theme 'Growing Together'. **Safer Internet Day** is Tuesday 8th February and children will be taking part in activities and discussions around how to stay safe when using the internet. It is



also ESFA's School Football Week and all children will take part in football themed PE sessions.

NON UNIFORM DAY – Tuesday 8th February 2022

To fit with the theme for the week all children and staff are invited to wear their favourite sports wear to school on Tuesday in place of their normal school uniform. Please ensure that the clothing is suitable for taking part in both indoor and outdoor activities.



Football Updates

We are still awaiting confirmation for the date of our first league fixture against St Mary's. As soon as this is a firm fixture we will let all parents know. The current rules regarding spectators is that we are allowed up to 30 maximum, to make this fair for both teams we will be allowing one parent per child to watch the game.

Additional Trials – We will be holding further trials on Thursday 24th February for all Year 5 and 6 pupils. We are looking to extend the squad and provide more pupils the opportunity to join the team. Further details will be available on parentmail shortly. Consent will be needed prior to attendance.

Year 5&6 Girls Competition – We are currently in the process of looking to place a girls' team into a competition. Please look out for further information to be announced

Nut Free School

Please be aware that we do have children in school that do have nut allergy's and therefore we are a nut free school. Please can you bear this in mind when sending your children with packed lunches and snacks and try to avoid anything that contains nuts.



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.

F1 Topic Launch

Our F1 Children have had an exciting couple of weeks with the launch of their new topic reflections. The children had a wonderful time dressing up and looking at themselves in the mirror

Key Dates

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

11th February – Inset Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**) – Forest School Day

14th – 18th February - Half Term (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

22nd and 24th February – Parents Consultation Meetings

28th February – Year 3 and 4 Mass



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.



let's celebrate!

Mrs Wilkins-Campbell's Forest School Friends

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| (F2) Abel O | (C3) Ronnie P |
| (F2) Lily N | (C4) Saskia F |
| (C1) Baraba S | (C4) Noah P-C |
| (C1) Freddy B | (C5) Brooke T |
| (C2) Lily S | (C5) Tyler J |
| (C2) Lydia P | (C6) Romie C |
| (C3) Evie B | (C6) Lilly-Mai B |

Mrs Bracegirdle's Star
Harry K (C4) For being a fantastic helper and a wonderful Music Man

Midday Supervisor Stars
Neve L (C5) for being a wonderful role model and helping the younger children at lunchtime

Mrs Broad's Special Mention
Mia W (C6) for being a wonderful helper and supporting the office with small tasks

Outside Achievements

Lyra O (C3) has achieved her level 6 Stanley Swimming Award along with her 15 meter Badge. Well Done Lyra!



Pippa W (C4) is another swimmer who has received an award this week. Congratulations Pippa on receiving Your 25 meter badge!



Wrap Around Care

Special Mentions to Laila H (C6) and Mia W (C6) for being kind and helpful in Breakfast Club.

Tuesday 1st February our children had a wonderful evening tasting a variety of Chinese foods.



Reminder of up and coming events:
7th – 10th February
Valentines themed activities and foods



11th February –
Forest School Special – Exciting plans are currently being finalised but there will be lots of fun Forest School Activities both indoors and outdoors for the children to be involved in. Pre booking on ParentMail is essential.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who again receive the achievement for the highest attendance last week. Well Done!!!



F1	96.2%
F2	94.1%
C1	95.3%
C2	95.7%
C3	94.0%
C4	91.8%
C5	89.9%
C6	97.1%
Overall	94.1%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

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| F1 | Arla N |
| F2 | Abel O |
| C1 | Brooke B |
| C2 | Rowan P |
| C3 | Miley M |
| C4 | Nevaeh B |
| C5 | Ellis H |
| C6 | Romie C |

