

14th January 2021



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, assemblies or sporting activities (to be reviewed at the end of January).
- Parents are asked to wear face coverings when dropping off in the mornings and picking up at the end of the Day.

Positive Cases in School:

Unfortunately, we have now been made aware of two positive cases in school – One in Year 2 and One in Year 3. Both cases 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.



Photographer – Tuesday 18th January

Reminder that we will be trialling a new school photographer next week. On Tuesday 18th January 2022 the new school photographers will be in school to take children's individual and sibling portraits. Individual portraits will be taken during the course of the school day. If you have any children who are not of primary school age, who you would like including in a sibling portrait, please come to the school office between 8.30am and 8.50am so that these can be taken. Please note if all siblings are in school, these will be taken throughout the school day.

Themed Lunch – Thursday 20th January

Next Thursday we will once again be having a themed menu – This term it will be Indian. We hope that this event will have the same success rate as our previous events with lots of the children sampling and enjoying different foods with their friends. The menu will be finalised early next week which will then be sent to all parents and children to view.



Athletics

On Wednesday 12th January a group of our Year 3 and 4 children were given the opportunity to attend an athletics session at the Dukeries. All of the children enjoyed testing their athletic skills. Next week a group of our Year 5 and 6 children will be offered this opportunity.



Bikeability

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Bikeability sessions this week – All meeting the requirements to achieve their level 1 qualification. Badges and Certificates will be issued to all children.

Music Awards

Well done to all the children in Years 3, 4, 5 & who have this week been awarded with a “Legends of Pop Award” – Children will receive a certificate from Mr Stanton, celebrating their achievement and showing their assessment level



Football Fixture – Tuesday 18th January

Our School Football Team will be holding a friendly fixture on the school pitch against Forest View Academy and we would like to wish them good luck for their first game as team. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions in place, we are unable to have spectators at this time.

Dukeries Junior Parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

When is it? It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it? The event takes place at Dukeries Leisure Centre, Main Rd, Boughton, New Ollerton, Newark, NG22 9JJ.

What does it cost to join in? Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along.

How fast do I have to be? The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

Dukeries junior parkrun needs you! It is entirely organised by volunteers - email dukeriesjuniors@parkrun.com to help. We're friendly!

Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee in Dukeries Leisure Centre - please come and join us!

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/dukeries-juniors/>

junior parkrun

Equally Safe Questionnaire

The youngest child in each family will today bring home a questionnaire for completion. Where possible can this be returned to the school office completed by Friday 21st January 2022.

Key Dates

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

18th January – Individual and Sibling School Photos

18th January – St Joseph's v Forest View – Friendly Football Fixture (No spectators)

20th January – Indian Themed Lunch

21st January – Years 1 and 5 Mass in School

28th January – Years 3 and 4 Mass in School

4th February – Years F2, 2 and 6 Mass in School

8th February – Internet Safety Day

11th February – Inset Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**) – Wrap Around Holiday Club Available

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





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 as we would love to include them on this page.



Mrs Bracegirdle's Star
Zac Sanders (F2) for being such a kind friend and role model in F2


Midday Supervisor Stars
All of F1 for helping **Eva M** settle nicely into the lunchtime routine. **Layton C (C4)** for his act of kindness

Mrs Broad's Special Mentions
Riley D (C4) for his kind and caring nature



Mrs Wilkins-Campbell's Special Mention
Neve L (C5) and Frankie T (C5) for the dedication to the Synod Work

Outside Achievements


We would like to say a big well done to **Ivy Bow H (F2)** who has today come into school with a certificate to show that she has completed Stage 1 of her Swimming Lessons. Good Luck with stage 2 Ivy Bow!



Congratulations to **Isla W (F2)** who last weekend was awarded certificates for both her Dancing Skills and Swimming. Well Done Isla!

Oscar H (C4) has been a super star this week earning himself gymnast of the week and also moving up in his swimming group. Congratulations Oscar!



Wrap Around Care



Tuesday 1st February is Chinese New Year, we will be sampling Chinese Food on this occasion..

Once Upon A Time...




31st January – 4th February – National Storytelling week.

WRA will be having lots of activities planned around storytelling and fairy tales this week



Attendance

Congratulations to Foundation 1 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance for last week of term before Christmas, Well Done!!!



Foundation 1

F1	96.7%
F2	95.1%
C1	76.7%
C2	90.6%
C3	92.9%
C4	84.5%
C5	90.3%
C6	85.6%
Overall	88.6%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Boxer A
F2	Lillie-Rose H
C1	Amina S
C2	Robyn C
C3	Lewis F
C4	Ryan B
C5	Tyler-James R
C6	McKenzie J

