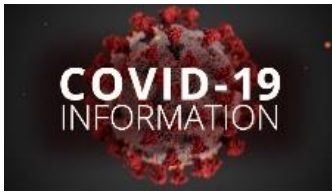


Word of the Week – Forgiveness

4th March 2022

Matthew 6.14-15: For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



Covid Updates

From February 24th the Government have asked that we now treat Covid like other infectious diseases and new guidance on this can be found at;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

Until 1 April 2022, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home, symptomatic testing remains free through PCR testing. Adults and children who test positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Thereafter they can return to work and normal everyday life.

Positive Cases in School:

Cases in school are remaining low, our latest cases are as follows;

We are pleased to report that we currently have no cases of Covid in school.

However, we are monitoring 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.

Staffing

Year 6 - We pass on our congratulations to Miss Wallis and her partner on the impending birth of their baby. Miss Wallis will be going on Maternity leave in the coming weeks and we have already got an advert out for her Maternity cover. We will let you know more information as soon as we have filled this roll.



Year 5 - There is a change of teacher in Year 5 in the absence of Mrs Marriot. Mrs Arnold will be teaching the children four days a week supported by Mrs Hendley. On a Friday Mrs Henley will be teaching the children in her role as HLTA. Mrs Arnold is more than happy to be contacted regarding matters in Year 5.

Ukraine Appeal

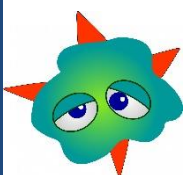
In these desperate times of unrest, we would like to thank you for your very generous offerings of items for the people of the Ukraine. We have delivered them to Boughton Camp this morning and will be transported later today. The children have made little flags with messages written on the back for the Ukraine community and have created sunflowers (the symbol of the Ukraine) to decorate our fences around school. There will be another lorry leaving soon and are still welcoming items. If possible, could you, please give directly to Spray tech on Boughton Camp. At the moment they are asking for medicines, such as calpol, paracetamol, cough medicines (not controlled or out of date meds.) They have also asked for blow up camp beds with the foot pumps as a specific item. However, they will willing accept other items. Thank you all and we keep them very much in our thoughts and prayers.



School Petition for a School Zebra Crossing

After many unsuccessful recruitment drives for a new crossing patrol officer outside of school, we are now petitioning the local council and highways team for the installation of a Zebra crossing outside of school. Thank you to those who have already signed the petition, we currently have over 200 signatures. However, can we please ask that you continue to share this with your friends and family so that we can gain as many signatures as possible

<https://chnq.it/zX2XJp4m9d>



Illness – Sickness Bug

We are continuing to see a number of children with symptoms of a sickness bug. Following PHA guidance, can we please ask that children displaying these symptoms remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. If you are ever unsure of the guidance for keeping children off school, please give the office a call as they can check the latest guidance.



The Deep

Children in year 2, 3 and 4 have had a fantastic stay at the The Deep this week followed by a visit to Magna. We've heard lots of wonderful stories about the sealife the children have seen and it has been great to share their excitement with them. Mrs Broad was very impressed with how the children helped each other especially with their sleeping bags, and helping to comfort those that were a bit nervous at bedtime. Thank you to all staff and adults involved in these visits, as without you we would be unable to offer our pupils these opportunities. Also a big thank to our pupils for being great ambassadors for St Joseph's.

Uniform Changes and Prices

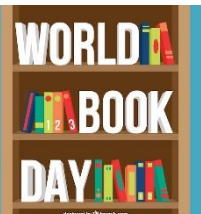
From 1st April there will be a change to the prices for the uniform purchased through school. We are currently speaking to the suppliers regarding this and as soon as prices are confirmed we will let you know what these will be.

We will also be changing the ties we will be selling, the clip on ties will no longer be available. What stock we have in school will be all that is left available. From September 2022 children in Foundation 1, Year 1 or Year 2 will have the option to wear an elasticated tie or a formal tie with Year 3 – 6 needing to wear a formal tie (different lengths will be available.)



Forest School

Our children have been having a wonderful time at forest school this week. Due to the recent storms and rain it has been very muddy, however, the children have had a wonderful time today den building. As a reminder Forest School will take place whatever the weather as it enhances the learning experiences. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the days they have forest school activities



World Book Day

Thank you to all the children who contributed to world book day by creating wonderful characters out of a wooden spoon. We will be judging and awarding prizes on Monday. A HUGE thank you to all the children for their efforts.

ParentMail Changes!

We are in the process of reviewing the communication systems we have in place to try to make it a simpler process for parents. With this in mind we are currently looking into a system which allows us to both email and text parents and allows direct responses from parents. It will also cover the dinners, trips, clubs, uniform sales and much more, so everything will all be on one place so it will be easier to for you to search and find information previously sent. We will continue to use MarvellousMe for Rewards and Reading.



Key Dates

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

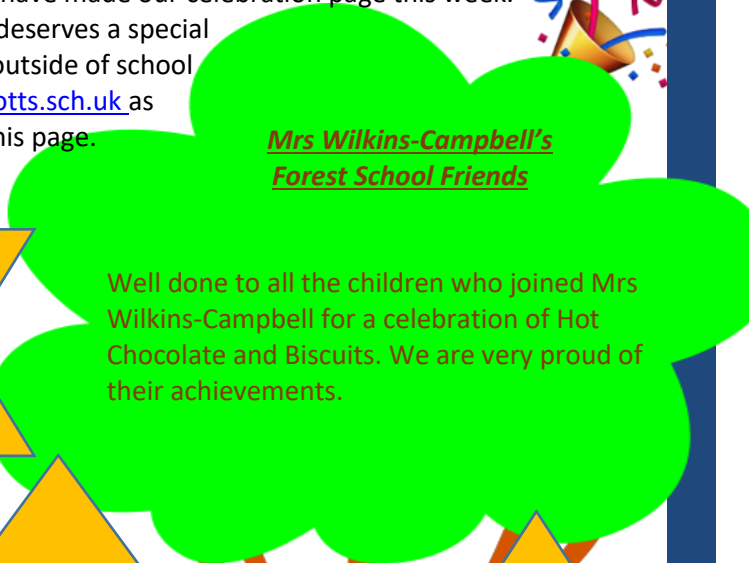
- 11th March** – Years 1 and 5 mass in School
- 14th March** – **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 17th March** – St Patrick's Day - Children in House St David may wear green to school on this day.
- 18th March** – Year 3 and 4 mass in School
- 28th March** – Stations of the Cross – Whole School Church Visit
- 29th March** – Easter Disco – More information to follow
- 1st April** – Whole school mass in School





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 Bracegirdle's Star
James C (C2) for his fabulous Maths



Mrs Broad's Special Mention
All Pupils and Staff who attended The Deep for making it a wonderful experience

Middy Supervisor Stars
William-Jaymes B (C6) we are very impressed with his helpful nature

100% Attendance

Due to the delayed arrival of the Smyth's Toy Store vouchers for the drawer for all children who achieved 100% attendance between 5th January and 9th February. We have therefore not yet been able to announce the prize drawer winners. We are hoping that this will take place next week,

In the meantime, we would like to celebrate both Year 4 and Year 5 who both achieved 100% class attendance for the whole week from 21st – 25th February. Well Done to all the pupils in these classes, it is a great achievement!!

We love seeing all of our children in school and celebrate their achievements. However, we do understand that sometimes children do need time off when they are unwell, which is our main reason for celebrating attendance each half term rather than annually.

Wrap Around Care Announcements

INSET Monday 14th Wrap Around Care Available please book a place on ParentMail



Sunday 27th March – Mothers Day

In the run up to Mothers Day we will have craft activities to create something for the special ladies in our lives.

April – Easter

We will be undertaking early Easter Celebrations in the run up to the Easter Break



Attendance

Congratulations to Classes 4 & 5 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance last week. Well Done!!!



Class 4 & 5

F1	95.9%
F2	92.2%
C1	91.3%
C2	96.0%
C3	96.2%
C4	100%
C5	100%
C6	96.7%
Overall	96.1%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Alex M
F2	Aaron P
C1	Ava W
C2	Jaxson T
C3	Charlotte W
C4	Riley D
C5	Monica R
C6	Bentley F

