

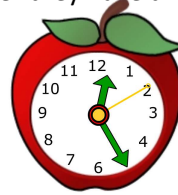
NEWSLETTER

7th May 2021

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.



Bicycles, Scooters and similar forms of transport to school

Following an incident in the playground this week, can we please remind all parents, carers and children that if you cycle, scoot, skate or use any other similar form of vehicle to get your children to school to take extra care. Please can you dismount from the bike etc before coming on to the school premises including the playground and drive. Bikes etc need to be walked into the bike shed where they should be stored safely for collection at the end of the day. Parents who bring younger siblings to school to collect children, please ensure suitable supervision is provided. This is to ensure the health and safety of all visitors, pupils and staff and to avoid accidents occurring.

Internet Safety

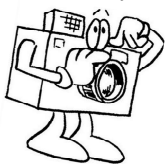
Whilst our children now, more than ever, are confident when using the internet and understand how to keep safe online, we still have an important role in helping them to maintain safety. We shared a couple of brilliant guides on our Facebook page earlier this week but also wanted to share with you the following link to the NSPCC website where you will find even more information to support both parents and children keeping safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Class Photos

All children should have received the proof card for their child's class photos. Reminder the deadline to place your order at the School Office is Monday 10th May. Anyone who misses the deadline can order the photographs online direct with Braiswicks, order details are included on the proof cards. If you have not yet received your proof card, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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Social distancing, masks and following government guidelines regarding restrictions

It is important that we all continue to follow the restrictions and guidelines in place to ensure that we do our very best to keep the whole school community. This includes maintaining a 2 metre distance whilst on the playground and whilst waiting for the gates to open on the pavement outside of school.

Please ensure that only 1 adult brings the children onto the school grounds, to reduce the numbers of people in close proximity at any time. Please also can we ask that once you have dropped off or collected your children, you leave the school grounds swiftly, without gathering to wait with other parents.

Masks should also be worn whilst on the school premises.

Please also remember there is a one way system for entry and exit to the younger years' classrooms, to assist with maintaining distances.

Staff will be in the school playground at the start and end of the day to ensure that we all follow the guidelines and to provide support to parents where necessary.



The Big Ask!

Last month the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched The Big Ask (<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>). The Big Ask is a survey for and of children in England. It asks all children about their priorities and concerns for the future so that they can put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19.



The Survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and there are different surveys depending on the age of the child, there is also a survey where parents will also get to have their say. If you would like to take part, please visit the website above. All surveys must be completed by Friday 28th May 2021.

Forest School – Resources Needed



We are creating a mud kitchen for the children to use and enjoy during their Forest School Sessions. We are looking for donations of any pots, pans, spoons and kitchen utensils that you no longer require so that children can really enjoy this new area for learning.

In addition if anyone has any old herb pots or herb plants that can be planted outside, they would be gratefully received. Any donations can be left at the school office. Thank you.



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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.



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




Attendance:

Congratulations to Year 4 who achieved 100% attendance last week!



Commendations:

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for commendation

Class	% Attend
Nursery	94.2
Reception	85.3
C1	99.0
C2	97.2
C3	95.9
 C4	100.0
C5	97.7
C6	97.2
Overall	95.8

Class	Pupil
Nursery	Jaiden D
Reception	Alana-Mae W
C1	Lily S
C2	Reuben W
C3	Saskia F
C4	Tyler J
C5	Alfie S
C6	Shaun W
Special commendations from Mrs Bracegirdle	Mckenzie J, Mason J, Kennedy B