

10th September

Important Notice

Covid-19

We would like to continue to reassure parents that we are continuing to follow the latest guidance to ensure that the St Joseph's community remain as safe as possible. We have had several conversations this week with the DFE, Public Health England and the NHS Test and Trace service, to seek advice and guidance on measures we have in place and to discuss the necessity of the implementation of further safety procedures. We have been reassured that we are doing everything within the guidelines, however, we have opted to revert back to some additional procedures we had in place during the Summer Term, including, reducing some cross class interaction activities. You will have noticed that some staff have reverted to wearing masks in and around school, we would encourage everyone to take the precautions they feel necessary to keep themselves and their families safe. As we respect their decisions, and any decisions your make, can we please ask that you respect staff- Keep distances where possible, and leave the school grounds as soon as your child is in school and as soon as you have collected them. Can we ask that there are no group gatherings and lengthy discussions taking part on the school grounds?

Be **SUPPORTIVE**
Be **CAREFUL**
Be **ALERT**
Be **KIND**

Looking after the School Grounds and Local Community

Can we please ask that you help us to keep the school grounds and surrounding community clean and tidy, and encourage all of our children to be responsible for their own actions in maintaining a clean and safe environment? There are several bins on the school grounds and public bins around the community, can we encourage our children to dispose of their rubbish appropriately and when no bins are available, keep hold of their rubbish until they arrive at school or return home. Maybe we could encourage some of our children to undertake litter picks on their way to and from school (safely). Not only does this make the area look nicer but protects wildlife from becoming trapped or eating indigestible materials.



Parking

We have been made aware that Newark and District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council are patrolling the local area, monitoring driving and parking situations on the roads surrounding the school. Please can we ask that you park safely outside of school, not blocking pavements, crossings or local residents' drives? Please also be aware that there are several areas around the school where it is illegal to park i.e. double yellow lines, zig zags and hashing's outside of school and resident only parking areas. Both NDC and NCC's enforcement teams will be issuing warnings and/or penalty notices to those that are breaking the law or creating a hazard to other road users.



Contacting staff outside of school hours

It has come to our attention that some parents are contacting staff outside of school hours through various forms of communication, including staff's private Social Media accounts to discuss school matters. We appreciate that some staff are connected to the parents and carers of St Joseph's pupils, through friendship and family connections, however, we must insist that if you have any questions relating to school matters that you contact staff during their working hours. You can text, email or call the school office, the normal office hours are 8am – 4pm, however, there are often staff on site from 7.30am – 5.30pm, so please do try to contact us between these hours. If no one is available, please leave a message and the appropriate staff member will get back to you as soon as possible. All of our staff work very hard and deserve a well-earned break and some personal time outside of working hours, there are also safeguarding and GDPR regulations that we must follow.

Uniform, Hairstyles and Jewellery

Our children are looking wonderful in their new uniforms, and the new tank top style jumpers make our children look super smart. Please help us to remind children that shirts should be tucked in and ties worn at all times of the school day, unless advised otherwise by a staff member. Can we also please remind parents that only one non-decorative stud earring in each ear and a basic watch (no smart watches) are allowed to be worn in school. Hoop earrings, chains, bracelets etc could cause injury. No jewellery should be worn during P.E. lessons, please remove any earrings etc before sending your child to school on PE days. We also do not permit children to have extreme' haircuts, this would include hair with lines, images or words shaved into it along with Mohican style effects. Children with shoulder length hair or longer, may we please ask that this is tied back, this is to reduce the spread of head lice in school, and also to ensure the safety of children during PE, Games and Swimming or Science lessons.



Sherwood Forest Education Partnership

Code Club at Ollerton Library recommences on Saturday 18th September 10-11am for pupils in Years 5 & 6, this is a free course but limited on spaces. Please contact Paula Hancock for more information:
Email: sfepartnership@gmail.com or Telephone: 07540 381919



Now the important notices are out of the way we would like to celebrate the children's successes in school this week!!!
If any children received awards or badges outside of school, please email the school office, along with photo's if possible as we would also like to celebrate these with the community.



Mrs Bracegirdle's Special Mentions

Ashleigh W (C3) – For always trying her best, being a kind friend and being helpful

Mrs Broad's Special Mentions

Thank you to our **Year 6 pupils** for taking on their new roles with pride. The librarians are doing a fantastic job in the library. Our Head Boy and Head Girls have also chosen some wonderful treats to add to the house point trolley which all of our pupils will enjoy

Midday Supervisor Stars

Thank you to our **Year 6 pupils** for helping in the hall at lunch times with our new and younger pupil, as well as helping to clean and support the midday staff.

Topic Launches

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have had a fantastic day today celebrating the start of their new topics.

Year 1 - Bright Lights, Big Cities

Year 1 have held a Royal Party today, to launch their Bright Lights, Big Cities topic. All pupils have been able to wear costumes, fit for the prince and princess they are

Year 2 – Castles, Kings and Queens

Year 2 have had a great day dressing as anything they feels fits this topic. We have had cooks, cleaners, kings, queens, princes, princess, knights join the Year 2 team in class today.

We have seen some fantastic costumes, but must make a special mention for **Lieu H (C2)** who arrived today dressed as the castle



Wrap Around Care Notices and Celebrations

All of the children attending our afterschool club have the opportunity to help build our entry to the Ollerton and Boughton Scarecrow Festival. Please look out for their entry appearing at the school gates.

Children attending the afterschool club have taken part in many activities, from being outdoors, to undertaking craft activities, general play plus much more. They are also offered the opportunity to receive support with their reading and homework. Mrs Parkin to make a special mention to **Evie W (C2)** for her wonderful reading this week

At our breakfast clubs, we are encouraging, healthy eating, and good hygiene practices. Children are enjoying trying new foods, it is a pleasure to seen them tasting the different delights. Children have also been invited to bring in a toothbrush so they can keep their teeth nice and healthy, and make their smiles really shine in class.

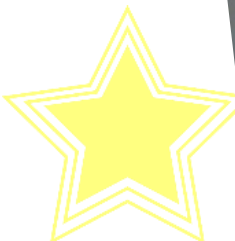
Forest School

Our Forest School has recommenced this week, with Mrs Jordan leading the first lesson for our F1 children. We look forward to seeing many more of our pupils undertaking this activity

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Bella K
F2	Ivy H
C1	Jayden-Lee B
C2	Lily S
C3	Emma D-H
C4	Riley D
C5	Alanya W
C6	Jakub G



Attendance

Congratulations to Foundation 1 who achieved the highest attendance last week!
Well Done!!!



Foundation 1

F1	100.00%
F2	92.6%
C1	98.9%
C2	94.4%
C3	96.1%
C4	95.3%
C5	93.3%
C6	87.3%
Overall	94.4%