



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

25th September 2020



We've had a good start to the academic year but there is always a rise in the number of bugs and illness at the start of term, and this year for obvious reasons, there has been a heightened awareness of when our children feel unwell, though in most cases this will not be COVID-19. However, we need to be vigilant, especially as children and young people experience much milder symptoms of the virus than adults.

That means if your child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild, you must keep them off school, get them tested and self-isolate your whole household whilst you wait for a test result. Nobody else in your household should get tested, unless they also develop COVID-19 symptoms or are asked to by a health professional.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- **high temperature** (37.8°C or above) – feeling hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different from normal.

Our main form of communication with parents is via Class Dojo. If you do not have a log-in please contact the school office.

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 9th October 2020 All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

Welfare and Attendance Officer

"Hello, my name is Natalie Black and I am the new Attendance and Welfare Officer at St Josephs. My role is to monitor all children's attendance where it falls below 96%, as part of this I will be looking at all aspects of school attendance from lateness, to illness, holidays and unauthorised absences. I may invite you in to meet with me should your child's attendance have dropped, however please don't be worried about this – I am here to offer support and guidance around school attendance and now more than ever it is vital that your children are in school and on time. I look forward to working in partnership with you all."



Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

14th—18th Sept

St Vincent 97.7%

St Oscar 97.6%

21st—25th Sept

St Vincent 99.1%

St Francis 91.3%

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.



Hugh Clifford is our new Forest School teacher and will be working with us for twenty-five weeks of the school year. Mr Clifford has put out a request for wood. The forest school site is always in need of branches, logs or wood offcuts for burning or construction. Old pallets are useful for building or sawing up (Children like doing this!). We also need :

Clean empty baked bean cans

Clean empty yogurt pots

Empty matchboxes

Old buttons and beads

Old white cotton tee shirts

A selection of balls of wool

Blindfolds (Like the one you get on aeroplanes)

If you can donate any of the above items please drop off at the school office. Many thanks.

Playtimes and PE

At the moment, in line with our risk assessment, class bubbles cannot use the hall for PE. Pupils are very much restricted to their classrooms and do not have their normal access around the school. Having space and time outside is important to our pupils' health and well bring as well as their social and physical education.

As the weather gets colder and wetter we will continue to take the children outside. Please make sure they come to school prepared for PE outside and with their coats for playtime. Whilst we will not go out in torrential rain we will continue to take the children outside if conditions are damp and drizzly.

On Friday 9th
October, we
will mark
CAFOD Family
Fast Day. All
classes will take



part in the
CAFOD Harvest Assembly where they will celebrate and give thanks for the food we have. We invite you to join with us to support CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal at Harvest and help build a brighter world. To support our fundraising for CAFOD, children are encouraged to wear something bright to school and bring in a small donation.

One thing all of us can do is to keep people around the world in our prayers.

Loving God,

We think of our neighbours,
near and far, who live in poverty.

We pray we may share generously all you
have given us.

Help us to work together to build a brighter
world,
where each of us can become the best
person we can be.

Amen

Dates

15th September Forest school starts for
Reception, Year 1 and
St Vincent de Paul

25th September Swimming for St Oscar Romero

12th October School Photographer in school.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg