



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2020



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Welcome back!

I warmly welcome everyone back to school. Some children have not been in school for almost 6 months so it is really important that we all settle very quickly into our 'new normal'. Over the summer, the school has been deep cleaned, the trees have been pruned and the gardeners have been hard at work. I hope the children appreciate our clean and welcoming school campus. Thank you to the Premises team for their hard work.



Sunday 6th September 2020

23rd Sunday of The Year

Gospel Matthew 18: 15- 20

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven"

Staggered Starts

We deliberately gave different timings to different year groups so that there would be less congestion on the pavements. It takes about 8 minutes to get a Year group of 90 children through the gate and temperature checked. I appreciate that some children have siblings, but for everyone else, please arrive at the correct time; please don't be early or late. This will ensure that we only have a year group at each gate at a specific time. I appreciate that this will take a few days to settle down.

Social Distancing

We have put a lot of effort into ensuring that year groups socially distance in school and are kept safe. All our efforts will be in vain if children and parents do not keep to social distancing regulations outside. Please respect social distancing regulations outside the gates! **Wear a face covering** to reduce the risk of infection. Please vacate the area immediately after dropping off/picking up your child. Our rules are to protect your child, you and your family and our staff! I will review end of day procedures if the 'congestion' continues.



Parking

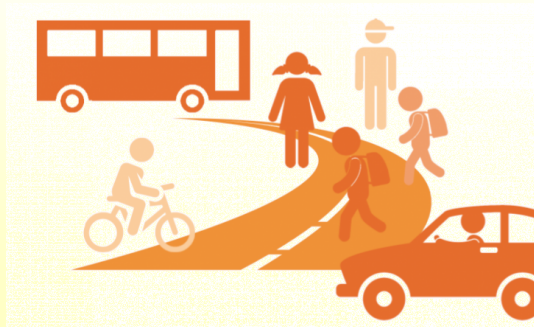
Sadly, I have already had complaints from neighbours about parent parking. Please respect the yellow lines and do not park across driveways, even if it is for two minutes. Many of the local residents need to leave their homes at this time and are prevented from doing so by inconsiderate parents. If you must drive, have a go at 'parking and striding' to school – park some way away and walk for 10 minutes.

NOTICE
DO NOT
PARK HERE

Love Learn Believe

Road Safety

Please remember to be aware of road users in York Avenue. Cars are travelling very close to people walking on the road.



Meet the Teacher

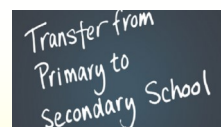
Meet the Teacher will take a different format this year. Teachers will record their presentations and post them on the website class pages for you to view. If you have any questions about the presentations, please do not hesitate to email the year group email address e.g. year1@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk etc.



The presentations are very informative and you will get a better understanding of the expectation of your child's new year group.

Secondary Transfer Meeting

There will be two opportunities to attend our Secondary School Transfer meeting – 7pm Friday 11th September or 7pm Friday 18th September. To be able to maintain social distancing in the hall, only one family member can attend as I can have no more than 45 adults (no children) in the hall. Parents **must wear a face mask** to the meeting, **no admittance without one**. The reason for the Friday meeting is that the hall then has more than 48 hours before being used again. Please book a place via the office.



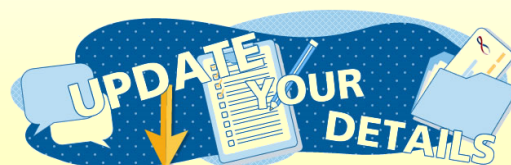
Reminders

- Every child must have a re-useable water bottle in school every day
- Children having a school lunch in Yrs 3-6 must have money in their Harrison account to pay for the meal before it is consumed, debt may not be built up.
- Children should be taught to use a knife and fork.
- Packed lunches should have a napkin or even a couple of pieces of kitchen towel, so that food can be laid out.
- Please label all school uniform.



Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed your phone over the summer, please don't forget to come to the office and complete a change of details form. It is imperative we have contact numbers for emergency purposes.



New September gate timings reminder

We will need to continue our staggered start and finishing times. The entrances and timings are below:

Year group	Gate	Entry time	Collection time
Nursery	Nursery gate	8.45am	11.45am
Reception	Main Infant gate	9am	3pm
Year 1	End Infant gate	9am	3pm
Year 2	Recycling gate	9am	3.15pm
Year 3	Junior gate	8.45am	3pm
Year 4	Recycling gate	8.45am	3pm
Year 5	Office entrance	9am	3.15pm
Year 6	Junior gate	9am	3.15pm

The end of day procedures are under review to see if we can minimize congestion. Please be patient.