

Newsletter

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'following Jesus in all we do'

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Mrs Bury's thought...

*Gratitude makes sense
of your past, brings
peace for today
and creates a vision
for tomorrow.*



End of Year Letter from Mrs Bury, Headteacher

September 2020
*we will
Curious and
Active*

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of what has been the most surreal of years, I cannot express my thanks enough to you all for keeping your children safe and for working with us as we have mapped our route through this whole situation. My thanks also has to go out to the whole staff of the school as without them, what we have provided would not have happened.

Looking at the year group pages, I am so proud of what is being provided for your children to help them in their transition to their next class. Please do take the time to look with your child, they will find out about their new teacher and have the opportunity to send special work to them too. Mrs Yeomans has worked with teachers to enable all of this lovely work and information to be available for you. Huge thanks there!

This week has seen the return of Years 2, 3 and 4 albeit for a couple of hours but how special for them to be able to say goodbye to their teachers. It was so lovely to see them and I know that the teachers in Years 2,3 and 4 have had a lovely time.

Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey that was sent out last week. The results were very encouraging and will enable us to build on this experience for the good of the school.

Following my previous letter, some of you have contacted us regarding the situation with staggered drops offs in different places. The main focus behind this is to avoid unnecessary congregating of parents. The easiest way would be for any parent who wishes to, to drop all of their children at the earliest time they need at the one gate thereby allowing them to leave. We will ensure that the children are taken to their 'bubble' in the safest way possible. We can see how this all works in September but the most important issue for me is to ensure the safety of all concerned. As time passes in September, we will continually evaluate and respond to the situation to ensure that we continue to keep our school safe.

You will have received notification for your child regarding the 3rd and 4th September, which group and days they are required to be in. Home learning will be provided over the Thursday and Friday to be completed and brought into school when they next attend. These days will NOT affect your child's attendance. Your child will be expected to attend school on their allocated day. All children will be in from 7th September 2020

Thank you to those of you who have contacted me about wrap around care, you will be informed before September of the plans. The planned start date for this will be Monday 7th September 2020.

I look forward to speaking to those of you who will join me for Zoom on Friday 17th July.

This just leaves me to say thank you again and to wish you a happy summer whatever you will be doing. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2020

SEPTEMBER	School Opens for Autumn Term 1
Thursday 3rd	School Opens for GROUP A
Friday 4th	School Opens for GROUP B
Monday 7th	ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND - (Please see times below)
OCTOBER	
Friday 23 rd	3:15pm School Closes for half term
November	
Monday 2 nd	School Opens for Autumn Term 2

SEPTEMBER STAGGERED TIMES

Times and entrance points as follows:

FRONT GATE:	
START TIME:	END TIME:
8:30am Year Six and Year Five	2:45pm Finish
8:40am Year Three	2:55pm Finish
8:50am Year Four	3:15pm Finish
9:00 am Pre School	Varies
BACK GATE:	
START TIME:	END TIME:
8:40am Year Two	2:55pm Finish
8:50am Year One	3:00pm Finish
9:00am Reception	3:15pm Finish

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE YOUR CLASS' START TIME

The intention is that you walk your children to the school gate and then leave.

NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED ONTO EITHER PLAYGROUND AT THIS TIME.

REMINDERS:

- No rucksacks to be brought into school; school book bags will be used by all children to avoid congestion in the cloakrooms.
- Please leave PE bags at home.
- Please ensure that we have the correct and most up to date contact details in school should we need to get hold of you.
- Should your child feel unwell in any way then they will be sent home immediately.
- Please do not send your child into school if they feel under the weather in any way and report their absence to the school office in the normal way.



Dear Parents & Carers

At this point in the year our Friends association would normally be expressing huge thanks for your help with the fete, leavers events and wishing you a restful summer holidays.

Instead in these unusual times, they are asking you for your thoughts and ideas about how Friends can run in the new school year. There are many events that should work in smaller bubbles or with limited contact, such as Christmas gift shop & raffles. However some events, such as disco or movie nights won't for obvious reasons. We will need to think of some new fundraising ideas to continue to support our school.

Please let us know your ideas and join in the discussion on how we can continue to move our Friends forward through this challenging time. There will be an AGM in the new term, probably via zoom so please do look out for that.

We can do this

Kate Lowe (Chair of the Friends) and Mrs Bury

Hello,

Warndon Library would like to invite your pupils and staff to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, "Silly Squad", a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

Pupils aged 4-11 years old who love stories, books, jokes and general silly stuff, will love this year's challenge! Plus, it's a great summer holiday homework activity that will help maintain children's reading levels and encourage reading for pleasure.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, this year's challenge is taking place online. We can't register children for the challenge or host events and activities in library buildings, so we thought we'd bring you a summer of fun-filled virtual ones instead!

Join the Worcestershire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Facebook group where we will be hosting a whole programme of silly activities, events, crafts and jokes starting on Monday, 13th July. The image attached shows the timetable of daily activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WorcestershireLibrariesSummerReadingChallenge2020>

To register your child for the Summer Reading Challenge, go to <http://www.silysquad.org.uk/>

Here is a link to the "Silly Squad" Summer Reading Challenge launch video you may wish to add to your school website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBLXTwXf4gs>

If you would like any further information about this year's Summer Reading Challenge and what Worcestershire Libraries will be offering digitally during the summer holidays, please get in touch.

Up to date news regarding Worcestershire Libraries and a link to the new Digital Library Hub can be found on our website – www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Kind regards,

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WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S CATERING NEWSLETTER JULY 2020

WE DID IT- BUT WE MISSED YOU ALL 😊



GOODBYE YR6



Saying goodbye to Year 6 is always a real landmark in the life of school even more so this year. However as sad as it is they are leaving St. Joseph's we all know that they are all ready to take the next stage in their education. Thank you to parents and children for supporting the catering department and we hope the children have enjoyed the meals as much as we have catering for them.

TUCK SHOP

There will be no tuck shop in September.
Please send your child in with a healthy snack to eat at break time. Key Stage 1 & Pupil Premium will have a piece of fruit provided for their snack.

UFSM & FSM Q&A

Will my child have a lunch in September?

If your child is in Reception, YR1 or YR2 from September your child will receive a cold lunch service from school. There is no need to order, this will be provided from Thursday 3rd September.

If your child is Pupil Premium the same will apply, a packed lunch will be provided until it is safe to return to a full hot service.

If you have any catering questions or want to take credits for September you can now email me at catering@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk

Menu Information

Please note that due to the current Covid-19 situation and the ever changing guidelines from the government we will not be distributing a hot menu at the moment.

Therefore from Thursday 3rd September for all children in Key Stage 1 & Pupil Premium, we will be operating a cold service. We will of course take into account any dietary requirements.

At St. Josephs we always like to go the extra mile and our staff are passionate about how we can provide a healthy cold service in September. On return to school our cold service will have a choice of 3 fillings: ham/cheese/tuna. Alternating between rolls/wraps/pitta, along with a selection from yogurts, fruit, veggie sticks, a homemade cake, biscuits or jelly.

All Key Stage 2 children will need to bring a packed lunch on their allocated day, either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September

Y3 in SEPTEMBER

When your child begins Y3 they will not be entitled to a free meal unless they qualify under the benefit related scheme (Pupil Premium) if your child does not qualify for a meal and you would like to pay for a cold packed lunch in September, please pay online by Friday 4th September for the following week.

£2.00 A DAY - £10 A WEEK - £74 TERM

What have we been doing?

Since school closed in March, our first thoughts were our children's meals, so we worked hard with suppliers to make up food parcels, which were collected from school.

Bury stepped in and helped deliver food parcels to vulnerable children & parents isolating.

We have been cooking for keyworkers & vulnerable children throughout the pandemic and enjoyed getting to know the children.

All this would not have been possible without dedicated kitchen staff so a huge thank you to Mrs Hancox, Mrs Ovalle-Torres & Mrs Lane.

We cooked for our staff as we didn't want them having the worry of making up their lunch. They all have worked so hard with the upmost dedication, putting the children's education & welfare first. Every staff member has always been involved from day one.

Thanks also to Mrs Hunt for doing an amazing job in getting the voucher scheme up & running so quickly.

All that is left to say is have a great summer & we look forward to you all returning in September!

Tina Currien x



Points on ordering

KEY STAGE 2 ONLY

All lunch payments must be handed in on a Thursday morning or online by MIDNIGHT Thursday for the following week.

No payments will be accepted after given date.

If you need to cancel your child's lunch due to sickness, absence or school trip. Please ring school kitchen on 01905 340325 by 9.30am on day of absence.