

Newsletter

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'following Jesus in all we do'

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COURAGE DOES NOT ALWAYS
ROAR. SOMETIMES COURAGE
IS THE QUIET VOICE AT THE
END OF THE DAY SAYING
I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW.



hopeful
curious
wise
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active
truthful
intentional
eloquent
generous
faith-filled
attentive
learned
prophetic

Our Catholic Life

*Next Half Term
we are being
Faith Filled &
Hopeful*



May Procession

We held our annual May Procession safely, a bubble at a time to honour Mary.

"Today we visited the Marian Garden! We took our Mary gifts and laid them in front of the statue. We spent time reflecting and praying by saying a decade of the Rosary and ending with our Year 6 prayer, The Hail Holy Queen."

Ahana Philip Year 6 Liturgy Planner

WE HAVE SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE IN RECEPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 please visit

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| MAY | |
| Friday 28 th | End of Summer Term 1 – School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| JUNE | |
| Monday 7 th | School Opens to pupils for Summer Term 2 Note change of date NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK |
| Wednesday 9 th | Cancer Research Race for Life - ALL children to wear PE kit today!! Sponsor money to be in by Friday 11 th June – many thanks |
| Thursday 10 th | Class photos by Tempest Photography Book Fair Arrives 12:45pm Year 3 Summer Sports at BEO 4:00pm Y4 Sleepover Virtual Teams Parent Meeting - Invites to follow! |
| Tuesday 15 th | 1:30pm Reconciliation Service – Year 4 - In School Hall (No Parents) |
| Thursday 17 th | Transition to High School talk to Y6 by PCSO Sweatman |
| Thursday 24 th | 10:45am Y6 Sports Festival at BEO |
| Friday 25 th | Y4 Oak and Pear Sleepover |
| Monday 28 th | SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Training Day (Originally 7 th June) |
| Tuesday 29 th Fri 2 nd | Y6 Oak & Pear Activities Week |
| Wednesday 30 th | 9:30am – 1:00 pm Y6 Transition to BEO – details to follow |
| JULY | |
| W/C 5 th – 7 th | One World Week – Details to follow |
| 6 th July | Whole School Mass |
| Friday 9 th July | 9:30am -10:45am Pre-School Sports Day |
| Monday 12 th | Moving Up Day |
| Wednesday 14 th | Key Stage 1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 15 th | Key Stage 2 Sports Day |
| Sunday 18 th | 11:00am Confirmation Mass |
| Tuesday 20 th | End of Summer Term 2 – School Closes for Summer Holiday |
| SEPTEMBER | |
| Saturday 18 th | Current Y4 (Y5 in September) First Holy Communion |
| Saturday 25 th | Current Y3 (Y4 in September) First Holy Communion |

**NO CLUBS FIRST WEEK BACK!!!
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BEGIN
ON MONDAY 14TH JUNE**

COVID UPDATE:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for all that you are doing to help prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community, at home and at school.

As you know, COVID-19 cases have generally reduced across the country and lockdown measures have been eased. It is still vitally important that everyone continues to remain vigilant, particularly as rates in Worcester City have increased recently. This is a reminder that COVID-19 is still with us, and we all need to continue to follow national advice and guidance to keep everyone safe.

1. If your child has been sent home to isolate because they have been in close contact with a confirmed case, it is important they stay at home and do not leave the house. We appreciate this can be inconvenient, but it will help prevent further spread of the virus.
2. If your child has any symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, or changed smell or taste), it is essential that your child and the entire household self-isolate and that you book a PCR test for anyone with symptoms. This is different to the twice weekly rapid flow (LFD) test. Use the national booking link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.
 - a. If the test is *positive*, your child and household will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the test or when the symptoms began.
 - b. If you need additional support or advice around self-isolation, please contact Worcestershire Here2Help <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>
 - c. If the test is *negative*, your child may return to school when well enough.
3. If anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 please do not send your child to school. A PCR test should be booked for the individual and the entire household should self-isolate.
4. Remember hands, face, space and fresh air guidance, are as important as ever.
5. If your child is generally unwell but has tested negative for COVID-19 please keep them at home until they are well enough to attend school.
6. For household members who are eligible, please get a COVID-19 vaccination. Not only will you be protecting yourself but this helps to protect your loved ones and community too.

We all need to work together by following the guidance, the school's protective measures such as longer drop-off and pick up times, using the one-way system, watching out for symptoms and testing regularly to keep each other safe. This will enable the school to continue to run smoothly and ensure that our children have the best education possible.

The school will continue to keep you updated on the latest news and information regarding bubble closures or when bubbles can return.

Finally, thank you again for all that you are doing to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, it really does make a difference.

Dawn Kelly
Local Outbreak Response Team
Public Health
Worcestershire County Council

If your child is symptomatic on 29th or 30th May 2021, you should arrange for immediate PCR testing here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition> and inform the school immediately using the following number: 07719 108185 if the result is positive.

Any child who develops COVID-19 symptoms and tests positive on or after 00.01hrs on Monday 31st May will not need to inform the school immediately but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

Any children who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term must inform the school of this absence in the usual way.

As I informed you this week, under no circumstances should any pupil be in school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way. Remember that the runny nose is now exhibiting itself as a symptom too. If you are unsure at all, you should arrange for a test immediately and inform the school.

Isolation guidance can be found here:

https://files.schudio.com/stjosephswarndon/files/documents/64658_Self_Isolation_A5_Booklet_Family_Guide_V03FINAL.pdf

School Notice Board...

FIRST AID POLICY

Parents will only be called when a head injury has occurred or further treatment is needed which we cannot provide at school. Any child who is treated for First Aid will bring home a slip detailing the incident and treatment given. This is all in line with school policy.

PLAYTIME SNACKS

We are noticing more and more that many children in Key Stage 1 are bringing in one or two large snacks at playtime. Can I remind you that snack play is for one small snack (preferably healthy). The children at Key Stage 1 are also provided with free fruit. This is resulting in children not eating their lunch which is causing a lot of waste.

At Key Stage 2 a reminder that one snack is all that is needed and if it can be healthy then all the better. We are trying to promote healthy choices in line with Government policy.

Thank you for your support.

WET LUNCH TIMES

We have not been blessed with the best weather this May. Many lunchtimes have been spent indoors. We are looking for any unwanted board or card games that we would use in our wet weather boxes. If you have any donations, then please leave them in the labelled box outside the school entrance so that we can quarantine them in line with guidance prior to giving them out.

School uniform

Thank you for donating your unwanted school uniform. Please continue to bring it in, washed, and leave in the labelled boxes. We have rails outside for you to help yourself to what you might need for September. There is no charge for this.

Dear parents, please see below useful links to help with the purchasing of uniform for September 2021: (Monkhouse is Schooltogs)

www.monkhouse.com/parentguide

The Big Badge Theory is a local company who offer an embroidery and printwear service and will personalise items of children's uniform with the St Joseph's school badge. Please visit

<https://www.thebigbadgetheory.co.uk/>
for further details

Details regarding PE uniform will follow after half term!

POLITE NOTICE

Please could we ask that when Parents are queuing for drop off and pick up for Pre-school, that children are supervised to ensure that they keep off the flower beds, do not climb the trees and also do not to climb the fence.

Many thanks for your cooperation

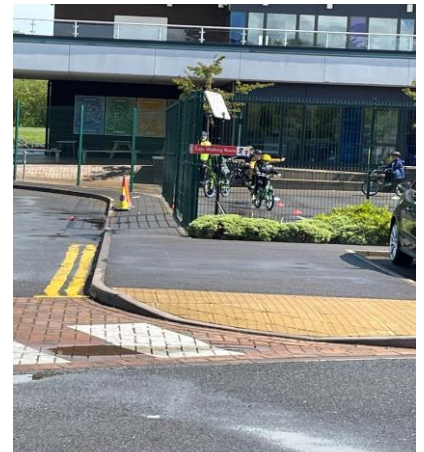
Mrs Bury
Headteacher

SPORTING EVENTS....



On Thursday 20th May Year 4 Pear and Oak attended a Tag Rugby Festival at Blessed Edwards. Throughout the morning the Blessed Edward sports leaders helped our children with the rules of the game and encouraged them to join in. It was lovely to see some ex-pupils as mature and responsible sports leaders. Despite the wind and occasional rain both classes learnt a lot about the sport and enjoyed playing against each other in a mini tournament.

Thank you to Blessed Edwards for hosting our school for the morning and Mrs. Ingram at BEO for organising the event for our school.



On Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th May Year 4 took part in the Level 1 Bikeability course. Children in Pear and Oak spent time with the instructors on the school playground practicing starting and stopping, looking over their shoulders and more. The course is designed as the first step towards giving the children the confidence and ability to ride safely on our roads. All children who took part passed the course and received a pin badge and certificate and are now ready for Level 2 when they are in Year 6.



In school from Thursday 10th June
until Thursday 24th June

Exciting news! After a long wait, the Book Fair is coming back to St Joseph's! As you know we are passionate about reading and the Book Fair is a great way for you to buy books for your children to keep and enjoy at home, as well as support the library in school by filling our shelves. The fair will operate slightly differently in these COVID times and parents will NOT be able to visit with their children. Pupils will get a chance to visit the fair, select their favourites and bring a wish list home. Look out for an e-mail listing all books and stationery available and order forms. These must be returned to school before or during the fair to ensure all requests can be fulfilled. These forms will be available in paper form from school on Monday 7th June. Cash payments will be accepted in named envelopes during the fair, or payment can be made online at <https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/96/06/tbf-fairs-phone-pay-step-by-step-1976243.pdf>

See poster below!

Please support your children's reading and our school library! Many thanks.

Paying by phone at your Book Fair

Payment at the Book Fair has never been easier with our Phone Payment service, allowing parents to pay for individual purchases using a debit/credit card over our secure payment telephone line,

0330 088 5756



Get started in 5 easy steps

- 1.** Make sure parents are aware of your School ID, as they will need this to hand in order to pay. Include it in any emails, newsletters and social media posts you send out about your Book Fair.
- 2.** Send out a digital or printed copy of the parent order form. Parents can use this to browse the range and to make a note of their selections and transaction code after they have made their purchase.
The parent order form can be found at TRAVELLINGBOOKS.CO.UK/FREE-RESOURCES
- 3.** Parents call our secure telephone line with their card details, the School ID number and the amount they wish to pay. Once payment is completed, parents should return the final page of the parent order form to the Book Fair Organiser.
- 4.** Book Fair Organisers should record parent purchases using the Phone Payment Record, which can be downloaded at TRAVELLINGBOOKS.CO.UK/PHONE-PAYMENT
- 5.** At the end of the Book Fair, add the total amount of purchases made via Phone Payment to your online cash report form and send a printed copy, along with your completed Phone Payment Record, back to us.

Frequently asked questions

WHAT IS MY SCHOOL ID?

Your School ID is the same as your Customer ID. This should be on all correspondence we have sent to you.

CAN PARENTS ORDER THEIR BOOKS THROUGH PHONE PAY?

No, it is an automated payment service only. If parents would like to order additional copies of any of the books on your range, please send your complete school order to ENQUIRIES@TRAVELLINGBOOKS.CO.UK by 1pm the day before your Fair is due to be collected.

HOW DO PARENTS LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE PAID FOR?

Parents can communicate through email, phone or via their children. Ensure you have their name, transaction code and the amount they have paid for your records.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THE PARENTS HAVE PAID?

The transaction code parents receive will begin with TP. This indicates they have paid using the secure Phone Pay system.

HOW DO I GIVE THE BOOKS TO THE PARENTS?

You can take orders directly from your Book Fair cases.

Please call our Customer Service team on **0800 212 281** if you have any queries.
More information, including photocopyable materials and instructions on how to test our Phone Payment system, can be found at travellingbooks.co.uk/phone-payment