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**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023**

### **CANDLEMAS AND LENT**



On 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrated **Candlemas** when we remember when Jesus was presented at the temple. Father Paul from Our Lady of Lourdes Church blessed our class candles at a Mass celebration held in school on 9<sup>th</sup> February and helped the children understand that we renew and bless our class candles to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

As we got ready to begin **Lent** this week, we have been thinking about Lenten promises. Try to do something this Lent to help another person or to be extra kind to someone!

The children have made Lenten promises in school and will be thinking of things they can try to do to help others and live as Jesus wants us to. We had a special Ashes service in school for the children to start the period of Lent.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY AT ST JOSEPH'S**



As part of our commitment to developing your child's love for literacy and reading we are celebrating **WORLD BOOK DAY at St Joseph's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. As well as reading lots of exciting stories, the children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book and to bring in a copy of the book to share with the class.

Children in Pre-School are invited to dress up as a character from a favourite book on any day they attend Pre-School in the week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Don't forget to make use of your free World Book Day voucher. This will be sent home on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **St Joseph's Feast Day**

**Sunday 19th March** is the feast day of our school's patron saint, St Joseph. We will be celebrating in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March with special prayers and activities for the children (including a circus show and workshop day for the children – more information to follow).

Happy St Joseph's Day to everyone for the 19th.

St Joseph Pray for Us.



## **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND COLLECTIONS**

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Drop-off for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is from 8.50 – 9.00 am. The formal school day starts promptly at 9.00 am when lessons begin. It is important that your child is in school and ready to start their learning at 9.00 am. We are monitoring lateness as well as absence.

***10 minutes a day late is 50 minutes a week lost learning!***

If you need to collect your child early for any reason you must inform the school office and state the reason you are collecting early. This should be via email, telephone call or written note at the earliest opportunity. You must also state who is collecting your child. When you arrive please collect your child via the school office. Your child will be brought to you – please understand this may sometimes take a few moments as adults need to be freed from class to bring your child to you.

The School day ends at 3.10 pm and children will be released from class when the 3.10 pm bell rings.

### **Pre-School**

Pre-School opens at 9.00 am/12.00 pm for drop-off and children are dismissed at either 12.00 pm/3.00 pm.

If you need to collect your child outside of these times, you must contact the main school office and state the reason you are collecting early. This should be via email, telephone call or written note at the earliest opportunity. You must also state who is collecting. When you arrive to collect your child, please sign your child out at the school office and the office staff will instruct you further.

**Your support is greatly appreciated with the above - it helps safety and the smooth running of the school.**

## **REPORTING ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL**

A Reminder that you must notify the school at the start of the day on the first day of any absence, and then continue to keep in regular contact if the absence continues.

Please use the Absence tab on your ParentMail account to send the office a message. Alternatively the school office 24 hour answerphone service is also available for reporting your child's absence.

## **REMINDER – PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE**

Please can we remind parents to contact the school office to update us of any changes to address, phone numbers or contact details.

**It is very important that we hold up to date information for you and your child.**

## **National Primary Allocation Day – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Parents who have applied online for a school place for their child to start school or to move up to Junior school, must check the email account that is registered with Buckinghamshire Council to receive the notification of their child's school place for September 2023.

## **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD - SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL**

Please help the school to address any worries or concerns you may have regarding your child by contacting the school directly.

This helps to avoid misinformation and any misunderstanding. Thank you for your support with this.

## **REMINDER – UPCOMING EVENTS/DIARY DATES**

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 2J Class Assembly at 9.10 am
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – St Joseph’s World Book Day celebration
- Book Look Week/Sharing Learning 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March (Reception, Y1,Y2) – more information to follow
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – RS Stay & Play at 2.15 pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – RJ Stay & Play at 2.15 pm
- Science Week – 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Animal Encounters Curriculum workshops (Reception,Y1,Y2)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers’ Day Celebration – more information to follow

## **PE UNIFORM (Reception, Y1, Y2)**

A reminder that your child must wear the correct PE uniform on class PE days:

- Dark Blue shorts or Dark Blue/Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- White T-shirt
- Sports footwear

PE Uniform should be worn with the school jumper or school cardigan.

(Hoodies and multicoloured sports kit should not be worn on PE days).

## **SCHOOL MEALS (Reception, Y1,Y2)**

A reminder to please visit your online ParentPay account regularly to check that you have ordered meals for your child each week.

Meals are now available to order online up to the Easter school holiday.

If you choose to send your child with a Lunch Box on any day, we ask that you do not also order a hot meal. This avoids food waste, costs the school money and avoids confusion for your child at lunchtime.

Thank you.



## **INFORMATION, UPDATES AND RESOURCES ON THE WEBSITE**

We continue to update information and resources on the school website  
[www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk)

Please visit the school website for:

Our School tab: school policies, staff vacancies

Learning and Pre-School tabs: Weekly Learning, Curriculum information and other learning resources

Key Information: Admissions, term dates, uniform

News/Home: Diary Dates, Newsletter, other news

## **REPORTING INCIDENTS ON THE ROADS/HIGHWAY**

Illegal parking, dangerous driving and aggressive behaviour is a matter for the police.

Please call Thames Valley Police by dialling 101 if you are involved in/witness a road traffic incident.

You may be given an incident number. Reporting these incidents will highlight the need to improve safety on the roads and pavements around our school.

We have been notified that Buckinghamshire Council is reviewing safety measures outside schools in the county.

### **5 minute Walking Zone Maps**

Walking is a great way to get to school. If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, have you considered **Park and Stride**. Why not park your car further away from school and walk the last part of the journey?

Our Walking Zone display map at the front of the school shows the the 5-10 minute walking zone from our school.



### **TERM DATES 2022 - 2023 ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL**

	<b>Open on morning of:</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
	Monday 20 February	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Summer Term 2023</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

#### **INSET DAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

More information about current term dates and future Buckinghamshire Council term dates can be found on the school website (Key Information >Term Dates).