



Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

## Dear Parents and carers

What an absolute pleasure it was to welcome the children back to school this week. Thank you for continuing to socially distance, and help to keep everyone safe, when you are collecting your children at the end of the school day. Please remember to wear a mask, unless you are medically exempt. Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes Mrs. O'Reilly and Mrs. Jackson



### Welcome back to school

We have had a focus on collaborative learning this week as the children return to school and discovered what we knew already...we are better together! The children have also been completing art work to add to the picture frames on our stairwells.

**'Soft Start'** - to help with social distancing in the morning we are now opening the front door at 8.40am for children to come in to school. The children go straight to class and practise skills such as spelling or times tables - this is an extra learning opportunity in their school day.

Please make sure that children arrive at school by 8.55am, so that they are ready for their maths or reading lesson when it starts at 9am.

### Nursery - Collective Worship



Reception - Science



Year 3 and Year 4 Art

### Year 6 - RE and drama



## Camden Mental Health Support Team webinars for parents...

Parents/carers can register for any of the 60 minute webinars listed below through Eventbrite (for free) at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/140783959613>.

Topic	Day and Date	Time
Parent/Carer and Child interactions	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A
Routines	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A

If you, or anyone at home, get a positive COVID-19 test, please let us know by emailing the school at: [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

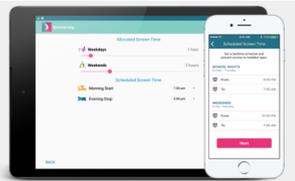
Our school website address is [www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

## Important dates for your diary...

**Thursday 25th March - 10am to 11am** Relationship and Sex Education Information Session for Parents  
**Wednesday 31st March at 3.30pm** - Last day of term  
**Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April** - Easter Holidays  
**Monday 19th April** - Pupils return to school  
**Monday 3rd May** - Bank Holiday - school closed  
**Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June** - half term  
**Monday 7th June - Inset day** - School closed **NEW!**  
**Friday 9th July - Academic Review Day** - Reports are given to parents on this day at a teacher parent meeting  
**Friday 23rd July** - Last day of term  
**Thursday 2nd September** - Children return to school

**Inset Day...** Monday 7th June is now an inset day. This means school is closed for pupils. Staff take part in training on that day.

## Monitoring apps for parents to take control of children's mobile phone use



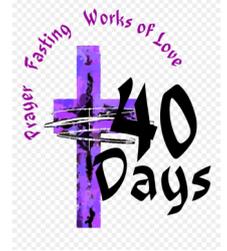
With children accessing the internet on a range of devices, the job of protecting them from things they may not be ready for online can be a challenge. Many children have access to websites, games and social media that are not appropriate for them. It can be hard to keep a track of everything your child is doing online. But it is important that you do. **Children do not have a right to privacy online from their parents** and to help protect them you must look at what they are saying and doing online. Monitoring apps are one way you are able to see what children are doing online and set appropriate boundaries so that you are in charge! **Internet Matters** have reviewed all the monitoring apps available and have produced a helpful guide to the best ones <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/> — please choose to use a monitoring app to help keep your child safe.

Covent Garden Community Centre and Dragon Hall are operating a **FOOD BANK**, which supplies food parcels and locally cooked ready meals, for all of those in our area. To receive either a food parcel or the ready meals, you need to register to apply - the food bank is done through collection appointments. Parcels are picked up from CGCC @ SEVEN DIALS CLUB, 42 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LA by appointment ONLY. To register for this service please email [Keeley@Dragonhall.org.uk](mailto:Keeley@Dragonhall.org.uk)



## Our Prayer...

Jesus,  
you are the light of the world.  
You promised that if we stay close to you, we will never be lost in the darkness.  
Help us to stay with you always.  
**Amen**



## Wellbeing Tip of the Week - Attitude for Gratitude

At the end of each day, reflect on 3 things that you are grateful for. For example, the things that made you smile, or the people in your life who you appreciate, or a kind act that you saw someone do.

Research has shown that “**consciously practicing gratitude, can train the brain to attend selectively to positive emotions and thoughts, thus reducing anxiety and feelings of worry.**”

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus...

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home, or is sent home by the Head of School with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result. Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

1. To arrange a test you should visit [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
2. **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
3. Please let the Head of School (Mrs O'Reilly) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **020 7242 7712**
4. If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
5. If your child test negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)