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# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd April 2021

## Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday. They came back eager and ready to learn. We have attached the curriculum overview for this term to this newsletter. It outlines what your children will be learning in school this term. Please have a read of this so that you can best support your child with their learning at home.

Please ensure you are continuing to socially distance and wear face coverings as you drop off or collect your children from our front and side entrances. Your support with this is much appreciated and helps everyone to have a calm and safe start and end to their day.

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



## Year 1 and Year 2 Zoolab...



Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from some special creatures. They learnt all about their senses, their habitats and how they have adapted to suit these environments.



## Online Safety and Mobile Phones

Many children tell us that they regularly use WhatsApp for group chats.

They also tell us that they use social media apps such as TikTok and talk to others while gaming online.

A report last year found that **'most parents were unaware of what their child viewed online or on their mobiles'**. The report found that **'young children were often accidentally exposed to adult material through Whatsapp or TikTok.'**

A BBC News report this week found that **'Grooming often begins on social-media and gaming platforms, be-fore offenders encourage children on to video-chat or livestreaming services where the abuse then escalates.'**

We have found at school that the most regular source of arguments and bullying happens through WhatsApp, TikTok and gaming sites while children are at home. As a parent you will want to keep your child safe and be responsible for managing your child's behaviour online. You must read your child's messages on mobiles and gaming sites every day. Social media apps like TikTok and WhatsApp have a minimum age rating of either 13 or 16.



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)

I have received and read the St Joseph's Primary School newsletter of 23.04.2021

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

## Important dates for your diary...

Friday 30th April - Non Uniform Day

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday - school closed

Friday 28th May - Non Uniform Day

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - half term

Monday 7th June - INSET Day - School closed

Friday 25th June - Non Uniform Day

Friday 9th July - Academic Review Day - Reports are given to parents on this day

Friday 23rd July at 3.30pm - Last day of term

Thursday 2nd September - Children return to school

The winner of the Friday

Newsletter slip prize this week is **Betsy** in **Year 3**.

Betsy has won a £5 gift voucher to spend at Waterstones.



## 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)

## Our Prayer...

Alleluia,  
we rejoice in this time of Easter!

Give us eyes to see the best in everyone around us.

Give us open hearts to share and to love.

Give us lips to offer a word of encouragement to someone who needs it and a smile of welcome to all.

**Amen**



## Wellbeing Tip of the Week- Build exercise into your weekly routine

When we are so busy, it can be difficult to prioritise exercise, but just 10 minutes of exercise a day releases endorphins, which create positive feelings in our bodies. Regular exercise reduces stress, anxiety, low mood, increases self-esteem and improves sleep. Look at your routine this week and think about when you can spare 10 minutes to do some exercise. Jogging, step-ups on the stairs, bicep curls with tins or going for walks are just some examples. You can even get creative with it and see how many sit-ups you can do while the kettle boils! To keep you motivated, you could keep a fitness diary and include how you felt before and after the exercise.

## Work of the week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

This week, **Year 6** have been working on ordering fractions, decimals and percentages in ascending order.

**Rukaya** was able to use her secure understanding of equivalent fractions and value of decimals to convert into a percentage (parts out of 100). Once they were all written as the same 'unit', Rukaya could order them with ease.

**Well done, Rukaya!**

