



Newsletter 18th September 2020

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Changes to Start & Finish times

Parents will by now have received and read the letter sent out yesterday about the changes to start & finish times at school. Currently, with each class coming in and leaving in two groups, we are finding great difficulty at the beginning and end of each day. Children are upset when they have to stay at school after the first group have left; children are taking much longer in the mornings to settle and the school day has been very disrupted. Also, we do not have the staff to support the safe supervision of the children at every door and gate, while continuing teaching at the same time. We will do our best to promote one way systems around school, to encourage sensible parking, to encourage parents to socially distance and to disperse quickly at drop off and collection times.

Open Day

We usually invite our current and prospective parents to join us in school at this time of year to have a look around and to see the children and school 'in action'. Obviously, the current guidelines will not permit us to do this, so we are going to be uploading films to our website shortly to showcase life in the world of St Joseph's. If any new parents would like to make an appointment separately to visit school or have any questions they would like to ask, please call the school office to make arrangements. If you know of any new parents for Reception class 2021 please pass on this information.

School Planners

They've arrived! Please make sure that you child brings their planners to school everyday and records their daily reading. There are no spare planners, so in the event that a planner is lost, a replacement will need to be ordered and paid for, costing £2.10. Please can we request that the permissions page be filled in by parents ASAP?

After School Clubs - After school clubs start next week. Tuesday - Jam Coding Yr 6 & Orienteering Yr 5, Wednesday - Street Dance - Yr 3 & Friday Athletics - Yr 4. All children who applied for clubs have a space.

First Communion - Due to lockdown, First Holy Communion did not take place this year for the children now in Year 5. Liverpool Archdiocese have advised clergy to have the children receive Holy Communion for the first time in small groups over the Autumn term. Father Marsden is making himself available at an extra Mass over three weekends, to facilitate a small group of children at a time to receive their Sacrament. The church can only accommodate 55 people due to Covid social distancing restrictions, so each of the children plus 5 guests is unfortunately all who can attend. This is not the usual family occasion however we must operate within the guidance that we receive. The choice of attire for the children is entirely with parents. After the three groups have made the sacrament, we will have a small celebration in school. More details will follow as soon as we have the dates available.

Reminder of PE Days - On these days children must attend school in their PE kit (indoor or outdoor, weather dependent).

Reception - Wednesday

Year 4 - Wednesday & Friday (Friday is subject if swimming resumes)

Year 1 - Monday & Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Monday & Friday

Year 6 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 3 - Wednesday & Thursday

School Meals - Please ensure that KS2 dinner accounts are kept in credit via Eduspot.

Teacher E-mails - Parents may email teachers via admin@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk where your query will be directed to the right person. Please allow time for a response.

Admissions to School - Year 6 and Reception 2021 applications for high school and new Reception starters is now open. Please ensure you apply to the authority in which you live and ensure that any supplementary faith forms are sent to school to support your application.

KS2 Music Tuition Year 3 Ukulele - Music Tuition will commence next week with Keyboard during school time on Thursday afternoon and guitar on Friday afternoon. Payment details will be sent shortly.

Child III? - Please see the guidance letter emailed home yesterday as this should answer all of your questions.

Coolmilk - If your child wishes to receive milk provided by Coolmilk on a daily basis. You can still register with them by visiting www.coolmilk.com. Sometimes there is a lag between registering and your child being placed on the milk register, please allow time for this. Under 5's are entitled to free milk but must register first with Coolmilk.

Tempest Photography - will be visiting school on Tuesday 29th September - more details to follow next week.

Flu Vaccinations - all pupils can receive a Flu vaccination and the health team will be visiting on Friday 20th November to deliver this. More details to follow.

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