



Friday Update



18th September 2020

Little pleas for help!

- We ask all parents to adhere to our **voluntary 'one-way'** system by entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and leaving via Northmere Road. The road is very narrow and it is impossible for 2 cars to pass with cars parked and makes it extremely dangerous for our children. Thank you for your co-operation.
- This is just a little reminder that we are a 'nut free' school. We have several children in school with severe allergies so we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are ever sent in to school. Thank you for your support in keeping our children healthy.
- Don't forget to send your child to school with a water bottle and to name all their belongings. Thank you

Hedgehogs. It is lovely to see all our Reception children in school. We would like to wish you all a warm St. Joseph's welcome and all other families who have joined us in other year groups.

Staggered School Day

The start and end of the school day are going like clockwork. Thank you so much for helping to make this happen. We would just like to remind you to come in at the correct gate for your child's year group and exit by the middle gate. **We also ask you to leave as quickly as possible.** We have to be very mindful of social distancing, crossing bubbles and the Rule of 6. Hopefully if we adhere to the guidelines we will keep each other and our children as safe as possible.

Absence and diagnosis

You have all been so diligent by contacting the school when your children have been unwell. There are a lot of colds about at the moment and we realise this can cause concern. If you have any doubts you can ring 119 and discuss your child's (or any family member) symptoms with them and they will advise you if they think anyone needs to go for a test.

School Meals

Please remember that **all** meals must be ordered, even those in Reception; Years 1 and 2 and children entitled to free school meals. This is to enable the correct amount of meals to be ordered and to cut back on waste. Please book on line using our Parentpay system. Hopefully the hall will be operating in a few weeks and we will once again be able to provide hot meals.

Sports

Please can you remember to remove your child's earring on days when they have P.E. If you do not want to remove their earrings or are unable to do so, please write a note to Mrs. Keohan saying you take responsibility for them wearing earrings during P.E. lessons and any accident that may happen because they are wearing them. Thank you

Current P.E. days

Reception (Hedgehogs)	Wednesday A.M.
Year 1 (Star Fish and Sea Horses)	Tuesday A.M.
Year 2 (Jelly Fish and Turtles)	Wednesday P.M.
Year 3 (Sharks and Narwhals)	Tuesday P.M.
Year 4 Class 4MF	Wednesday A.M. – Class 4JB Thursday A.M.
Year 5 Monday P.M.	Year 6 Thursday P.M.

Class Dojo

Year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 have all been registered on Class Dojo. The teachers set the children's homework on Class Dojo which upper school complete in their workbooks. If you are having problems logging on please send an email to the school office (stjosephs@sicp.co.uk) for assistance. Thank you

PTFA – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

As you know our wonderful PTFA were unable to hold the Summer BBQ and will be unable to hold our annual Christmas Fair. This means that fund raising will be down considerably this year. They are trying to think of some fund raising ideas which would comply with the Rule of 6 and social distancing as well as children remaining in their own Year Group Bubble. If you have any ideas you would like to pass on to them, please email the office. Thank you

Student Information Forms

Can you please check and return your child's student information form which was sent home recently having checked the data we have is correct and update any changes including address, emergency contact numbers, e-mail address and any changes to medical information. We use a texting and e-mail system to contact our families and it really is important to be informed of any changes as soon as possible. Thank you.

Admissions

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2021 now is the time to be applying for a place. You can apply on line but if you are applying on faith grounds you will need to include the Supplementary Information Form signed by your Priest or Minister or provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate if they are a baptized Catholic. Father Chris is happy for you to hand him the form after Mass. The Supplementary Information Form is available on our school website <http://www.st-josephs.poole.sch.uk/admissions.php>.

Secondary Transfers (current Year 6)

Children due to transfer to Secondary School next September have to apply by the end of October. The local Secondary and Grammar schools have virtual open days for you to see. Please check their websites.

A guide to the application process is available on our website (About us – Admissions page).

Parking

You may have noticed this morning that a traffic warden was patrolling the road outside the school. They also came one morning last week. Parking has improved this week but we have been informed that they will be making regular visits before or after school. We have only had one complaint from a neighbour from Northmere Road who also sent a photo. It really showed the dangers involved when parking on the grass area in Northmere Road. A young child was walking on the pavement as the car was parking and could so easily have been hit. These photos are also being sent to the local traffic police. Parking on that grassy area is illegal and is dangerous to children and parents. Please abide by the law and keep our children safe. Thank you.

*Safeguarding is a priority at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers
Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mr. McDermott, Mrs. Lewry and Mrs. Thomas.*