**St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**

**Year 6 – Spring Term 2022 (1st Half)**

Welcome back!

This half term our topic is ‘The Impact of War’

**Year 6 home learning**

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| **Subject** | **Sent home** | **Due in** | **Frequency** |
| Spellings | Thursday | Tuesday | Every other week |
| Maths/Grammar IXL | Thursday | Tuesday | As required |
| Please note: we receive a report each week from IXL so we can see who has completed work set. | | | |
| Times Tables and related division facts should be practised weekly – children have access to Timetables Rock Stars to help them with this. This is essential knowledge for children to be able to access the Year 6 maths curriculum adequately and so can I encourage you to keep up with this practice at home. | | | Daily |
| Foundation Subjects | As required | | |
| Reading | We expect the children to read at home **daily**. Books can be changed in school or your child may wish to read a book from home. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. The children have now all been given a new reading journal – please could you check and sign weekly that your child is meeting the 20 minutes daily expectation. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read. e.g. How do you think Tess felt when she left the house? Why? These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class. | | |

**Reminders**

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| School lunch and snacks | Now the new school lunch system is in place, please remember that if your child would like a school dinner, it should be ordered before 8am of the day concerned. They can also be block booked ahead if that is more convenient.  We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.  Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time.  **We are a nut free school**. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school. |
| Drinks | Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water; no juice or fizzy is allowed. |
| Uniform | Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.  Grey trousers or shorts; grey skirt or pinafore dress; black, white or grey socks; black or grey tights; white polo shirt; green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable).  Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.  Nail varnish is not allowed.  Jewellery is not allowed apart from a single earring in each ear and a watch (these will need to be removed / covered during PE). School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.  **Please note**: it can be quite chilly in the classroom as windows need to be open at all times for ventilation – please make sure your child has enough layers to keep them warm! Children MUST have a coat with them every day as we try and get outside whatever the weather! |
| PE kit | Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, black or navy jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named. Children need to wear their PE kit to school every **Monday** this term.  Earrings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.  Watches must be removed for PE. |
| Bags | Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as 30 rucksacks take up a lot of room in the class. We would also ask that children don’t bring in pencil cases as we have nowhere to store them and the children get upset if items are lost. |
| Mornings | School starts promptly at 8.55am.  Your child will be greeted at the class door by an adult at 8.50am. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.  Children and parents arriving after 8.55am will be asked to sign in at the office. |
| After school | School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.  Yrs 5 and 6 - if your child sometimes walks home alone or with friends, please ensure the office has received written permission for this (you could send an email to admin@stjo.uk). |
| Phones | We understand that some year 6 children will want to bring a phone to school if they are walking to and from school by themselves. Phones must be switched off on arrival at school and handed to the class teacher who will keep them safe until the end of the day. Phones MUST NOT be used on the school site. |
| Contact details | Please ensure your contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office ASAP if you change your phone number or address. |

**Specialist Teachers**

On a Tuesday afternoon, Beech Class will have forest school with Mrs Turner.

**Administrative information**

From now on to cut down on paper usage we will only email these class letters out. Please ensure the office has your current email address and let me know if you require a paper copy.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so I am available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages. However, if you would like a longer chat please make an appointment with me. This will probably need to take place over the phone in the current situation.

If you are able to support our learning with resources, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child’s education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jukes and Mrs Taylor-Bashford