

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Foundation Stage – Autumn term (1st half) 2020



Welcome to the Autumn Term!

After a happy and busy first week in Foundation, we hope you and your child are beginning to feel settled and very much a part of this year's Foundation Stage at St Joseph's School. Your children have been amazing and we are so proud of the way they have coped with this unusual start to the term.

As a starting topic we will be exploring God's creation of the world around us and how this changes as we approach Autumn. We will also link this with our whole school topic 'Marvellous Minds' which is all about how amazing we all are and how we can recognise and look after our own and each others feelings. The topic will evolve and progress in line with the children's own interests. The Foundation Class page on the school website will show you how the topic develops.

<http://www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com/website/foundation>

Without you coming into the classroom your child is having to be more independent when sorting their belongings. Though they will have some adult support, we shall encourage the children to feel proud when they can achieve things by themselves. This includes taking responsibility for their own possessions. We are establishing routines whereby children are able to ensure snack pots, water bottles and book bags find their place in the classroom. From time to time things may be forgotten or misplaced please ensure that your child's belongings are very clearly named. This helps the adults to quickly identify lost items and return them to your child.


To support your child with independence, please encourage them to learn to eat independently at meal times (when ready using a knife and fork) and to put on their clothes, coats and shoes by themselves.

Acorn Class –



The children have been very engaged during story time and sharing books is an essential part of developing communication and language skills. Through stories children can express their own thoughts and emotions, learn new exciting words and build the foundations for language development.

All of the children should have their own book bag and they are very welcome to choose a new book each time they are at Nursery. To meet with COVID advice all returned books will be placed 'in quarantine' for at least 72 hours before returning into circulation.



Oak Class -			
Subject	Sent home	Due in	Frequency
Oak Class home learning	Friday (Starting October)	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading 	<p>At the moment we are carrying out our Baseline assessments. Once these are complete we will then issue reading books.</p> <p>Your child will receive three books each week that should be spread out over the week. This should include – reading, re-reading, discussing and retelling. Keep an eye out for a yellow reading record book which will have more information in it. This is where you will be able to record your comments from home.</p> <p>Reading at home is a very important part of your child's education and we hope it will be an enjoyable experience for you all.</p>		

Reminders

School lunch PLEASE  NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS	<p>Oak children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Please select your menu choices on ParentPay.</p> <p>For Acorn children a school lunch can be ordered at a cost of £2.35, please order on ParentPay. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer.</p> <p>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.</p> <p>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.</p>
Drinks	<p>Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.</p>
Uniform	<p>Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.</p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore dress, black, white or grey socks, 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)</p> <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p> <p>Nail varnish is not allowed.</p> <p>School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.</p>
PE kit - Oaks	<p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named.</p> <p>Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.</p> <p>Watches must be removed for PE.</p> <p>PE kit to be worn to school on a Friday.</p>
Wellies 	<p>Please ensure your child has a pair of clearly named wellie boots that can be kept in school this will enable the children to explore outside without getting their school shoes muddy!</p>
Bags	<p>Reception, Yr 1 and 2 children must have a book bag in school. This is so books can easily be checked and letters put in.</p> <p>Instead of bringing in rucksacks daily, please provide a change of clothes (in a bag) that will stay in school and left on your child's peg in case of accidents.</p>

Mornings	Our Foundation Stage doors are open from 8:45am. Please pass on any quick messages then, for a longer chat please email or leave a message at the office. Children and parents arriving after 9.00am will be asked to sign in at the office.
After school	Acorn (Nursery) children finish at 3:15pm and Oak (Reception) children finish at 3.30pm. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child to support our staggered finish times and limiting the amount of parents on site at any one time. 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.
Contact details	Please ensure you 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.

Yours sincerely,

The Foundation Stage Team.