




Welcome to the Spring Term of 2022!

This term we welcome a new family into Oak Class. We hope you will settle in quickly and soon feel part of our Foundation Stage at St Joseph's.


It was lovely to see the happy smiles of the children as they returned to school after the Half Term holiday. Our first week has been a busy one with pancakes, ice experiments, Dance impact day and world book day!

Next week we will start our topic 'ready steady change'. Over the coming weeks we will be focussing on the books Oliver's Vegetables and Supertato. As Spring arrives we will also be growing some vegetables and looking at some animal life cycles. We will also be scientist looking at 'change.' As normal I will follow the children's interests and learning behaviours so keep an eye on Tapestry to see how our topic develops.

Parents Evening will take place the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March. We will do these on zoom and I will send you the timings and links on Tapestry.

Oak Class -			
Subject	Set on Tapestry	Due in	Frequency
Oak Class home learning	Friday	Upload to Tapestry due by Thursday	Weekly
Reading 	<p>Your child will continue to receive their hot and cold reading books - <b>Practise really does make permanent! Books are issued on a Friday and collected in on the following Thursday.</b></p> <p><b>Please ensure you write in the yellow reading book to let me know how your child is getting on at home.</b></p> <p><b>Pleasure books – are changed daily from the class reading area.</b></p> <p><b>Get them writing!</b> Encourage your child to write independently using their growing phonic skills. They could write shopping lists, cards, post-its, notes, messages, letters, little books and postcards – anything at all. <b>It's all great practise.</b></p>		

**Reminders:**

<p>School lunch</p> <p><b>PLEASE</b></p>  <p><b>NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS</b></p>	<p>Oak children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Thank you for selecting your menu choices already. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer.</p> <p>For Acorn children a school lunch can be ordered daily at a cost of £2.35 Please complete a menu choice form available and pay on ParentPay.</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. <b>We are a nut free school.</b> We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.</p>
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	<p><b>Now that the uniform has been through the wash a few times please ensure labels are still securely attached or that the pen can still be read easily.</b></p> <p><b>This week I have already had 3 unnamed cardigans and jumpers!!</b></p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore dress, 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 (no heels, trainers or boots.)</p>
PE kit	<p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers.</p> <p>School jumpers to be worn over P.E kits please.</p> <p>Earrings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.</p> <p>Watches must be removed for PE.</p> <p>PE kit should be worn to school on a Friday.</p>
Bags	<p>Reception, Yr 1 and 2 children must have a book bag in school every day. This is so that the children can change their reading for pleasure book.</p>
Mornings	<p>Our Foundation Stage doors are open from 8:50am. Please pass on any quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.</p> <p>Children and parents arriving after 9am will be asked to sign in at the office.</p> <p>We are very impressed with how independent the children have been this term with sorting their belongings. Thank you for your help with ensuring their snack and bottles are easily accessible and supporting them with putting on their own coats and shoes.</p>
After school	<p>Acorn (Nursery) children finish at 3:15pm and Oak (Reception) children finish 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.</p>
Contact details	<p>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.</p>

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so please remember our door is always open and you can come and talk to us if you have any questions and concerns.

Yours sincerely,  
The Foundation Stage Team