

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



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.

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 'Laudato Si' which is all about caring for our common home, looking at what we can do to make the world a better place, recycling etc. 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>


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 have their own book bag to take home and they are very welcome to choose a new book each time they are at Nursery.



Oak Class -

| Subject | Sent home | Due in | Frequency |
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| Oak Class home learning | Friday (Starting on 27 th Sept) | Wednesday | Weekly |
|  <p>Reading</p> | <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.</p> <p>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

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| <p>School lunch</p> <p>PLEASE</p>  <p>NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS</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. 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> |
| <p>Drinks</p> | <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> |
| <p>Uniform</p> | <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> |
| <p>PE kit</p> | <p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named and in a named bag.</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 must be in school every day.</p> |
| <p>Wellies</p>  | <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> |
| <p>Bags</p> | <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>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.</p> |
| <p>Mornings</p> | <p>Our Foundation Stage doors are open from 8:45am. Please pass on any quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.</p> <p>When you arrive in the morning please support your child with sorting their belongings and then settle your child to an activity. The tambourine rings at 9:05am for us to begin our hello circle.</p> <p>Children and parents arriving after 9.00am will be asked to sign in at the office.</p> |
| <p>After school</p> | <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> <p>Acorn parents- Please ensure you are on time at 3:15pm as staff have to move through to the Oak room and get things sorted for the After School Club that takes place in the Acorn classroom.</p> |
| <p>Contact details</p> | <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> |

Key dates for this half term:

Monday 16th September – Oak class – Premier Sports gymnastic session – Children will need their P.E kits for this.

Tuesday 24th September – School photos

Wednesday 25th or Thursday 26th – Trip to Maer Park with the Year 6 buddies – more info to follow.

Wednesday 9th October – Oak Class – Eye tests. See separate letter for more information.

Wednesday 9th October - Parent activity session – For both Oaks and Acorns – you are warmly invited to join us at 2:15pm to join our learning and find out ways in which to support your child at home.

Creating independent learners

We 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.

Grown-ups can help by encouraging children to put on their clothes, coats and shoes by themselves and by helping them to eat independently at meal times.

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 us know if you require a paper copy.

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

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.