



NEWSLETTER (3) FEBRUARY 2021



Following the Government announcement on Monday 22nd February, school will re-open to all pupils from Monday 8th March. It will be wonderful to have the whole school back together again and I look forward to meeting all of the children and getting to know all of the St Joseph's family. We also look forward to 21st June when we can hopefully start celebrating assemblies/mass etc. as a whole school. In the meantime, we ask that social distancing guidelines are adhered to and:

- Children are dropped off and collected at their allocated entrance at the specific time (please see information below)
- Parents are asked not to mingle and socialise outside of the school gates.
- If for any reason you are late please telephone the school office and a member of staff will come **outside and collect your child**
- Children must only bring their lunch box and water bottle to school - please no bags
- Parents/carers are not able to come onto the school premises or into the school building unless expressly invited e.g. In the case of a specific meeting or to come and collect an ill child. If you do need to come into the building please wear a face mask

Laptops borrowed from school are to be returned on Monday 8th March. Please send these in with your child. Thank you.

Class	Entrance	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	Reception Entrance (opposite Job Centre)	9.00 am	12 noon 3.00 pm
Reception	Reception Entrance (opposite Job Centre)	8.50 am	3.05 pm
Year 1	Front Street Entrance	8.50 am	3.05 pm
Year 2	Front Street Entrance	8.55 am	3.10 pm
Year 3	Front Street Entrance	9.00 am	3.20 pm
Year 4	Church Gates	8.45 am	3.05 pm
Year 5	Church Gates	8.50 am	3.10 pm
Year 6	Church Gates	8.55 am	3.15 pm

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



- Nursery - Lenny for sitting so well during carpet time
- Reception - Aria for her fabulous reading skills, persistence and never giving up
- Year 1 - Martha for consistently trying hard in everything she does.
- Year 2 - Max for persevering and showing resilience even when things get tough.
- Year 3 - Thomas for having a fantastic attitude towards all aspects of school life
- Year 4 - Roisin for problem solving skills in maths
- Year 5 - Frilly for having a positive attitude to learning and never giving up!
- Year 6 - Oliva for excellent attitude towards working

School Meals

Hot school meals are available to all children and must be booked and paid for via ParentPay in advance. In order for the kitchen to order provision it would be very helpful if meals could be ordered at least a week in advance. If you do not pay for your child's meals they still need to be ordered in advance and you can be booked for the full-term. Cost of meals is £2.10 for children in KS2 and £2.52 for Nursery Children.



World Book Day - Share a Story Friday 12th March



We will celebrate World Book Day together as a whole school on Friday 12th March and not Thursday 4th March as previously advertised. All Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



County Durham Environmental Awards 2020

School were successful in our application for the County Durham Environmental Awards 2020 and were awarded highly commended for our work planting trees and litter picking at Oakey Park. The YouTube video announcing our success can be viewed by parents/carers by accessing <https://youtu.be/LE99Obryqbo>.



A huge thank you to ASDA Foundation Christmas Giving activity school received a cheque for £300.00

Wrap Around Childcare Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Wrap Around Childcare Survey your views are really important to us. Further information will follow shortly.



Kevan Jones MP

MP Kevan Jones is offering Virtual Advice Surgeries on the first Saturday of every month. To book an appointment please email kevanjonesmp@parliament.uk or call 0191 371 8834.

