



## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021

### Bishop Wilkinson Education Catholic Education Trust

We are very pleased to confirm that the academy process has now been finalised and, from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, St Joseph's is officially part of the Bishop Wilkinson Education Trust.



A reminder that school is open to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure 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 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please send these in with your child. Thank you.

Class	Entrance	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	Main School Entrance (down church path)	9.00 am	12 noon 3.00 pm
Reception	Main School Entrance (down church path)	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

### School Uniform

A reminder that children must wear full school uniform when they return to school on Monday. Uniform consists of

- School jumper/cardigan with badge
- white polo shirt blouse or shirt.
- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Blue and white checked/striped dress or grey shorts (warm weather)
- Plain grey or white school socks/tights (no coloured/patterned socks or tights allowed)
- Plain black flat shoes
- No trainers, heels or wedges of any description
- Shoes must be suitable for a variety of activities as children will be moving around school, going up and down the stairs and playing in the playground.

Also, can we please remind you of the following:

- Children must not wear any jewellery except watches
- All earrings must be removed before your child comes to school - regardless of when a child's ears were pierced.
- All long hair must be tied up and hair ties/bobbles must be blue, white, grey or plain black



### EYFS Building Work

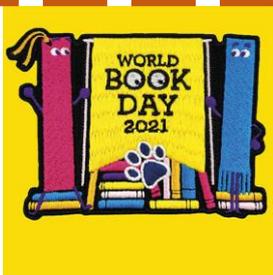
We are making some exciting improvements to our Early Years provision which will make it brighter and more accessible for all of our children. Work is due to start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and will take approximately 6 weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity and the children will be fully involved in the whole process from start to finish. Watch out for further updates.

### Star of the Week

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



- Nursery - Jacob for bringing fun and laughter into nursery every day
- Reception - Rose for her fabulous imagination and creativity
- Year 1 - Ella C for her detailed English work and neat handwriting
- Year 2 - Esmae for her excellent attitude and brilliantly presented work
- Year 3 - Daniel for trying so hard to listen and have patience
- Year 4 - Ava for her mature attitude and trying her best
- Year 5 - Alex for having a consistently good attitude to work and being a good role model within in class.
- Year 6 - Rosin for excellent answers in her Science investigation



### World Book Day - Share a Story Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder that we will celebrate World Book Day together as a whole school on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. All Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### Breakfast Club

As you know we run a Breakfast Club each morning which is open to all children in school. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay. Children can have cereal, toast with butter/jam, milk and water.

Children can be dropped off at school between 7.40 am and 8.00 am. Children should come into the main foyer and ring the bell and a member of staff will let them into the main building. We would be obliged if parents/carers could wait outside the main doors until a member of staff has let your child into the main building. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.



## ParentPay

As you know, we are now a cashless school and all payments/donations must be made via ParentPay. If you have not set up your account and/or cannot locate your log in details please contact Mrs Cowan in the school office on 01207 232624 or email: [stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net).

Below are instructions on how to book your child's meals on ParentPay;

1. Sign in at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)
2. Select the child you wish to make the bookings for
3. Select Bookings Make or View Bookings
4. Select the time of day to a make a booking for
  - Lunchtime for Rec to Y6 lunches
  - Afternoon for Nursery lunches
5. Select the week to view
6. Select Make or View Bookings - you will be presented with a booking screen
7. Book a meal by selecting/clicking on one of the menu choices
8. A summary will appear at the bottom of the page with any previous unpaid bookings in red
9. Review the booking summary and select confirm booking
10. Any credit in your ParentPay account will be used to pay for the meals. Any remaining cost can be paid by Bank transfer, Visa Checkout or other payment method



## School Meals

Hot school meals are available to **all children** and must be booked and paid for via ParentPay in advance (see above). 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 book for the full-term. Cost of meals is £2.10 for children in KS2 and £2.52 for Nursery Children.



If you have any queries, please contact us at [stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)

## Travelling to School Safely

### Advice from the Department for Education

- If you live a short distance from your school, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- If you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
  - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
  - social distance where possible
  - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
  - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Further information can be found in the DfE's [guidance on transport to school and other places of education](#).

