

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Welcome back to school

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope everybody has been able to enjoy the sunshine over the Easter holiday. The website became very busy on Monday as you all started your home learning again. We have reviewed the home school learning pages and from this week staff will post a suggested timetable for each day and a weekly video to introduce the new learning for the week ahead. There is now an SEN home learning page with lots of resources for parents to download.

At the same time, please don't worry about your child 'getting behind'. Learning looks very different at the moment but we mustn't underestimate other skills children are gaining. They are learning to value the work of key workers rather than celebrities they see so much of on social media. Whatever you are able to do this week with your child will be of help but the times when they are left to be independent are also really worthwhile. It is often from 'boredom' that great ideas come!

All the staff would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful class videos you have sent to them that made staff smile but also cry! There are many uncertainties in the world at the moment but the strength of relationships within our school community remain unchanged as we continue to support each other.

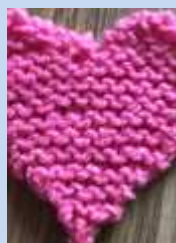
Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs McLaughlin

Good News

Blake has become big brother to Theo.



Mrs Booth has moved onto knitting NHS staff. Mrs Pegg has learnt how to knit and has made her first heart.



If you have any good news you would to share next week, then send it into school on; school@olsj.org.uk

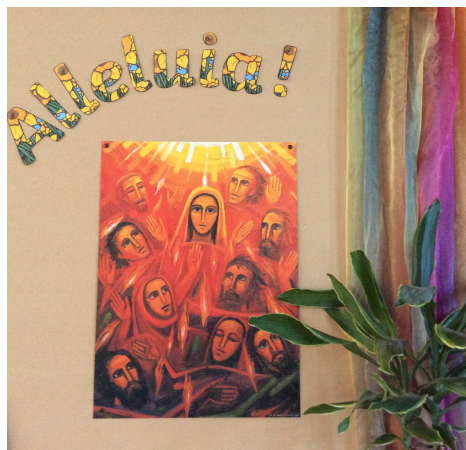
Julia Donaldson and Coronavirus



"Give me your soap and your loo rolls
And everything else on the shelf.
For I am the Rat of the Highway
And I'm taking them all for myself."

We're in this together

Jesus is risen! Alleluia



Teddy Bear Challenge

Teddy bears are appearing in windows everywhere. Take a photo of your teddy bears and they will be shared on the school website next week. Send any photos to school@olsj.org.uk



Universal Infant Free School Meals

There appears to be some confusion about whether children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 who are all entitled to a free school meal as part of the universal Infant free school meal scheme will get the weekly £15 vouchers the government are giving to free school meal children. It is important to understand that these vouchers are for children whose parents have claimed for free school meals through the benefits agency. You can qualify for the following reasons:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Pension credits
- Child tax credit and a gross annual income that does not exceed £16,190. You will not qualify for free school meals if you receive working tax credit
- Asylum Seeker status

Infant children are still entitled to order a grab bag to be collected from the school kitchen. If you think that you are entitled to free school meals, you can still apply at the following website.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals/1>

Mr Gouldin's Jokes

Why is Cinderella bad at football?

Because she's always running away from the ball!

Have you heard about the magic tractor?

It turned into a field!

Reminders for Children to Stay Safe Online

Use strong passwords

Protect yourself from hackers by using passwords that are not easy for others to guess. Use a combination of upper and lower case letters and numbers and do not share your passwords with others, even your friends.

Not everyone is who they say they are

You may trust a friend really well but it can be easy to lie online. The picture or video could be of someone else or be faked. Think carefully about who you chat to and who you add as a friend online.

Check your privacy settings

Change your privacy settings so that only your friends can post on your profile and see the information that you share. Remember to check your privacy settings regularly as sites often update these leading you to share more personal information publicly than you may want to.

If you are worried tell an adult you trust

If you ever see anything online that upsets you or something happens that makes you feel uncomfortable talk to an adult you trust about it.

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