

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 15th May 2020



Dear parents/carers,

Following the Governing Body meeting on Wednesday 20th May, I am writing to update you about school plans to re-open to F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 children.

Although governors are confident that school leaders have a thorough and robust plan to manage the risks of extending the numbers of children and staff in school, they want to proceed with caution especially since there isn't a national test, track and trace system operating. Our Lady and St. Joseph's has never been closed; it has been open for key worker/vulnerable children throughout lockdown only closing for Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday. This group of children remains a priority. There can be as many as 29 in school on any one day which is approximately 13% of the pupils on roll; this number will increase after half term. The numbers of children in F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 who expressed a wish to return to school would increase the percentage of children in school to over 31% of pupils.

Introducing more children requires careful planning and timetabling. Children are now organised in bubbles; they work, play and eat with the same group or 'bubble' of children every day. More bubbles of children, require more timetabling particularly at the start and the end of the school day. Each bubble will arrive and depart at a different time to allow parents/carers to socially distance and keep bubbles separate.

We need to make sure that we get the reopening of our school right to keep everyone safe. Therefore, school will remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable **children but will not reopen for any children in F1, F2, Y1 or Y6 on June 1st**. Parents/carers of children in these age groups who expressed an interest in their child returning should have had a letter this morning informing them of this decision. School will introduce new routines from June 1st for the children already in school in preparation for more children to return. Governors will meet again on Wednesday June 3rd to review their decision.

Thank you for your continued support. It is essential that we work together to keep all the members of our school community safe and well.

Mr Gouldin's Jokes

Why do ducks make good detectives?
Because they always Quack the code!

Which dinosaur has the best vocabulary?
A Thesaurus!



Happy Holidays

I'm sure that you don't need a reminder that next week is half term and that children and parents/carers should take a break from home school learning. Staff too are going to have some much-needed relaxation and will not respond to emails after today. Normal service will be resumed on June 1st.

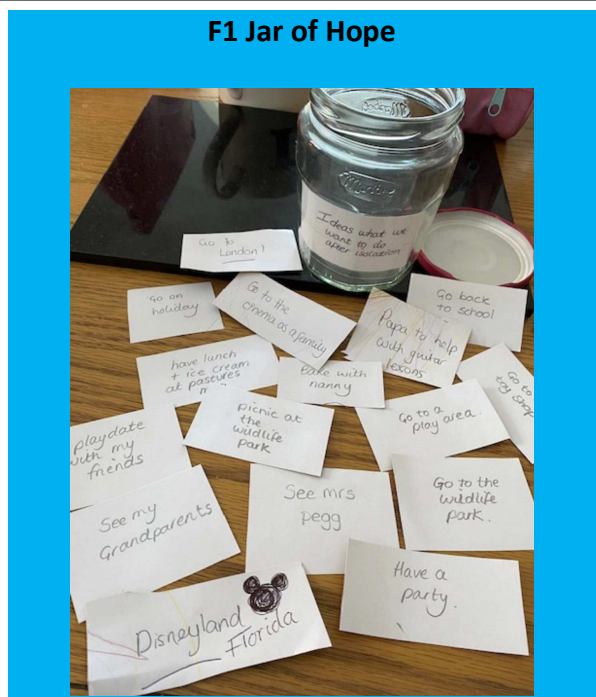
We all hope the sun continues to shine and that you all have a lovely holiday.

Book of Hopes

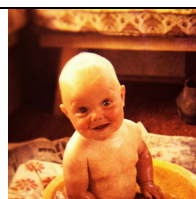
The Book of Hopes is a wonderful collection of short stories, poems and essays from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson. The stories aren't explicitly about hope: rather, they aim to create it. There are true accounts of cats and hares and plastic-devouring caterpillars, there are doodles and flowers, revolting and beautiful poems, there are stories of space travel and new shoes and dragons.

You can find the book at;
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

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Mrs Olding



Mr Gouldin



Mr Shillaw



Mrs McLaughlin



Mrs McMurdo



Miss Hornsby



Miss Duffy



Mrs Deakin



Mrs Hale

We know that COVID-19 (Coronavirus) will have a serious impact on the lives of women, children and men who are experiencing domestic abuse. This is a difficult and stressful time for everyone. If you or someone you know are experiencing domestic or sexual abuse it will be even harder. This is because for most of us it will mean:

- ## Rotherham Helpline:

National Helplines:

Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327

Respect helpline: 0808 802 4040 (for anyone worried that they may be harming someone else)

Special Mention

F1

Emily Heenan for her excellent learning about birds and her video all about flamingos to show her friends.

Tommy Roper for his fantastic home learning and his creativity with the learning tasks.

F2

Thomas Hill for trying so hard with his home learning and for his brilliant information video about the macaw.

Lydia Turner for completing home learning with such enthusiasm and for her amazing work about guinea pigs.

Y1

Lilly-Jean Swallow for amazing home learning and continuing a high level of stewardship at home by always caring for plants and animals.

Darsh Ajay for consistently producing an outstanding level of quality home learning, especially in his amazing illustrations.

Y2

Louie Swann for regularly completing home learning, producing quality work and engaging well with Sumdog.

Aneesh Parnandi for showing enthusiasm for home learning, enjoying the tasks set and always trying his best.

Y3

Maja Dabrowska for sending lots of pictures of her reading great books and completing Polish classes on a Saturday morning!

Cian Glazzard for facing each day with renewed positivity and trying new things with a smile.

Y4

Honora Day for staying in touch with Miss Barker consistently. She has been working hard in Maths this week and has been taking the time to help her brother with his work also.

Emily Cosgrove for consistently staying in touch with Miss Barker from the beginning of home learning. She has also done some excellent Literacy work this week.

Y5

Bobbi-Jo Furniss for using the challenge words within her sentences and always trying her best to complete the home learning.

Hannah Stead for her fantastic explanation of the water cycle.

Y6

Thomas Cosgrove for excellent engagement with the home learning timetable including thoughtful artwork.

Mason Pallant for using his time wisely to make strong preparations for Y7.

OLASJ is going cashless!

In preparation for school returning, school is going cashless to minimise the risk of infection.

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Enter your email address and mobile number and you will then be sent a PIN number by text.

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There are more details on how to register at the end this newsletter.