

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 5th November



COVID update

We continue to have a number of positive COVID cases in school among both children and adults.

In line with Government guidance in school we will be maintaining these four control measures:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

In addition, because of the continuing high rate in the community and the cases in school, we are maintaining mask wearing for adults in shared spaces and social distancing between staff in different key stages. We are also considering how best to share Christmas Performances with families and will share with you as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7th November – First Holy Communion in church 11:15am

Monday 8th November – Y4 Cycling. This will be the last session.

Tuesday 9th November – FS Gardening 3-4pm. Registered children only

Wednesday 10th November – Girls' Football. Registered children only

Thursday 11th November – VEX. Registered children only

Thursday 11th November – KS2 children to cenotaph for 11am

Thursday 11th November – Mass in school to celebrate First Holy Communion

Week beginning 15th November – Anti-bullying week

Sunday 21st November – Christ the king. Children leading music in church at 11:15



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Year 5 are aiming to fill twenty shoeboxes for this appeal and would like your help. On this newsletter you will find a list of suggested donations. You can use this link for further information or to pack your own shoe box at home. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Our Mini Vinnies have already fund-raised and will be providing the hygiene items so we do not need these as donations but all other items listed would be very gratefully received. All donations should be sent into school next week. Thank you

Shoebox List of suggested Donations toys

A football (not inflated) and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

school supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

other items

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery

Attendance

Congratulations to Y3 with an amazing attendance of 100% this week.

Whole school attendance 97%

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Cereza, Ruby-Jo, Jenson, Vanessa, Lukasz, Louie, James, Filip, Brooke and Esme who will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday. We pray for them and their families on this very special occasion

Lord Jesus, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be a step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow in your love.

Amen

Remembrance

Year 4 are currently running the Poppy Appeal in school and many families have already generously donated to this. The Poppy Appeal merchandise will be on sale all next week until supplies run out. All children will have special Remembrance assemblies in school next week and KS2 children will attend the cenotaph on Thursday 11th at 11am.



Next week children will bring home a tag and you are invited to write the name of a loved one you would like to be remembered in the prayers of the school during the month of November. Tags will hang on class or school memory trees during this month.

Happy Diwali

Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating this week! Thank you to Darsh for the sweets shared with staff.



The Jess Cup

Congratulations to Tom Joshi who was last week's winner of the Jess Cup! Well done!



School Lunches

Next week is National School Meals Week. The special menu for this week is on this newsletter. Please note that the usual Jacket Potato and Sandwich choices will remain the same. The following week will be the start of a new three-week menu so please look out for this on next week's newsletter. We encourage all families to try a school meal next week and all payments can be made through the School Gateway. If you think your child may qualify for Free School Meals please use this link for an application form.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/532>

Headlice

We are aware that there are cases of headlice in school. link will take you to NHS information for Parents and Carers

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Punctuality

The gate is open between 8:30 and 8:45pm. Please ensure children arrive on time for school to start at 8:45.

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK

8TH TO 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

MONDAY

Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding
Quorn Cottage Pie
Creamed/Diced Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Iced Sponge & Custard
Chocolate Crunch

TUESDAY

Spaghetti Bolognaise
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Garlic Bread/Potato Wedges
Seasonal Vegetables
Ice Cream
Fruit Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Cheese Burger in a Bun
Salmon Pasta Pot
Seasonal Vegetables
Bakewell Tart
Flapjack

THURSDAY

Roast Chicken & Stuffing
Cheese Flan
Roast/Creamed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Chocolate Sponge & Custard
Cookie & Milk

FRIDAY

Battered Fish
Quorn Dog
Chips
Seasonal Vegetables
Jam Shortcake & Custard
Muffin

Chilled choice and jacket potato will still be available on each day.

