

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 26th 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.

Book at Bedtime

This virtual event will be for Foundation Stage parents/carers on the evening of Thursday 9th December 5:30-6:30. The first part of the session will be for adults sharing information about reading with your child at home. At 6pm, children are invited to join the session for a live Book at Bedtime story reading. FS parents/carers will receive a link for this session and we hope as many as possible will be able to join us.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30th November – FS Gardening 3-4pm. Registered children only

Wednesday 1st December – Girls' Football. Registered children only

Thursday 2nd December – VEX. Registered children only

Friday 3rd December – Y2 Art Club. Registered children only

Friday 3rd December – Young Voices. Registered children only

Friday 3rd December – Own Clothes Day for chocolate tombola

Tuesday 7th December – Y5 to Pantomime at Wath Academy

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Fayre

Thursday 9th December – Book at Bedtime for FS families

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas clothing Day, Santa Dash and Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December – Christmas Party Lunch

School will close at 2pm on Friday 17th December

Advent

This Coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Our Advent wreaths are out in classrooms and children will spend a short time at the end of each day reflecting on our preparations. Advent Travelling Bags are different this year. Children will bring a small individual bag home at some time during the next three weeks. This will hold a candle and a prayer. On the day the bag comes home, you and your child can access the Virtual Advent Travelling Bag, which will be on the website on the class blog. It would be wonderful if we could take this small opportunity to spend time sharing the Christmas Story.

Mission and Charity Work

Thank you so much for all your generosity to our charity appeals this term. Well done to Y4 for organising and promoting the Poppy Appeal. This raised an amazing £402.39! Our Y5 children, alongside Mini Vinnies and the Faith in Action Group were able to fill and send 22 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child thanks to all the wonderful donations of gifts.



Christmas Fayre

This will take place on Wednesday 8th December. In the afternoon children will be able to visit stalls and activities in the school hall. At the end of the day there will be stalls on the KS2 playground for parents/carers to visit with children. Santa will be arriving during the afternoon and you will be able to book a visit closer to the time! Friday 3rd December will be an Own Clothes Day in return for chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

Christ the King

Thank you so much to all those children and their families who joined us in church on Sunday. We received this email in school on Monday...

Good evening,

I just wanted to pass on my congratulations to the children for singing so beautifully in mass on Sunday. It was a pleasure to come and listen to them. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

The Jess Cup

Congratulations to Violet Parks-Marriott who was last week's winner of the Jess Cup! Well done!



Punctuality and Attendance

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

Congratulations to Y6 this week with a winning attendance of 96%. **Whole School Attendance this week: 93%**

Forest School at Prestige Printers

Prestige Printers in Swinton are able to put our Forest School embroidered label on royal blue sweatshirts for children to wear on Forest School days. You can either buy the sweatshirt with the label (prices are on the attached leaflet) or take your own plain royal blue sweatshirt and have the logo put on at a cost of £3.95 per item. You can also order online using the following link.

<https://prestige-printers.co.uk/ordering/>
Please note that this is entirely optional.



Week 1 15/11/21 06/12/21 10/01/22 31/01/22 28/02/22 21/03/22	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Lasagne (H/M)	Burger in a Bun	Chicken Pie (H/M)	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Fingers
	Quorn Tacos (H/M) (V)	Salmon Fishcake (H/M)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Vegan Raviolini & Crusty Bread	Quorn Sausage & Bean Plait (H/M) (V)
	Chilled Choice – Tuna Mayonnaise	Chilled Choice - Cheese	Chilled Choice - Ham	Chilled Choice - Turkey	Chilled Choice – Egg Mayonnaise
	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna
	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
	Garlic Bread Savoury Rice	Potato Wedges	Diced Potatoes	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Jam Whirl & Custard Rice Crispy Bun & Juice	Lemon Drizzle Cake Ice Cream & Fruit	Flapjack Cookie & Milk	Chocolate & Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Australian Crunch	Fruity Moose Pots Cookie & Milk
. Salad, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt and Milk are all available every day . All food oven baked wherever possible . Bread available daily . All desserts are made on the premises.					

Week 2 22/11/21 13/12/21 17/01/22 07/02/22 07/03/22 28/03/22	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chicken Tikka Masala & Naan Bread (H/M)	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Fajitas (H/M)	Roast Gammon Served with Pineapple	Battered Fish
	Cheese Plait (H/M) (V)	Quorn Burger (V)	French Bread Pizza (V)	Quorn Tortilla Stack (H/M) (V)	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche (H/M) (V)
	Chilled Choice – Tuna Mayonnaise	Chilled Choice - Cheese	Chilled Choice - Ham	Chilled Choice - Turkey	Chilled Choice – Egg Mayonnaise
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	Boiled Rice Diced Potatoes	Sliced Potatoes	Savoury Rice Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Iced Sponge & Custard Cookie & Milk	Lemon Shortcake & Custard Bun & Juice	Chocolate Brownie Ice Cream & Fruit	Fruit Crumble & Custard Cookie & Milk	Cupcake Chocolate Mousse
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Week 3 29/11/21 03/01/22 24/01/22 14/02/22 14/03/22 04/04/22	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pasta Bolognese (H/M)	Chicken Enchilada (H/M)	Cottage Pie (H/M)	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Fingers
	Quorn Slice (H/M) (V)	Quorn Hot Dog (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Cheese & Potato Layer (H/M) (V)	Quorn Calzone (H/M) (V)
	Chilled Choice – Tuna Mayonnaise	Chilled Choice - Cheese	Chilled Choice - Ham	Chilled Choice - Turkey	Chilled Choice – Egg Mayonnaise
	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna
	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
	Garlic Bread Sliced Potatoes	Savoury Rice Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Creamed Potatoes	Chips
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Orange & Lemon Sponge & Custard Cookie & Milk	Chocolate Crunch Ice Cream & Fruit	Fruit Jelly Cornflake Bun	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Cheese & Biscuits	Cookie & Milk Strawberry Mousse
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School Council Meeting 12.11.21

We met with Allison (the head of Rotherham school meals service) and her assistant Laura. We talked about the school meals being healthier for children and staff. Allison and Laura talked about what we should have on our plate. They shared the “Eatwell Guide” that we might use so children know what to have more of and less of. The “Eatwell Guide” tells you what foods are vegetables, fruits, carbohydrates, proteins and dairy and how much of each you should have. They suggested we could use the guides as placemats so children can see if they are eating the right amount of each food type. Here are some examples of vegetables: carrots and sweetcorn. Some examples of fruits: strawberries and apples. Some examples of carbohydrates: pasta and bread. Examples of protein: eggs and fish. Finally, examples of dairy: cheese and milk.

We talked about our worry that there are a lot of sugary puddings but everybody really likes them. Allison said that the School Meal Service had changed the recipes so that all puddings now have 30% less sugar although you can’t tell when you taste them. She also said that if they couldn’t use less sugar they had reduced the portion size.

We were also concerned that lots of children were eating a lot of pasta from the salad bar and not enough salad. Allison said that there will be changes to the salad bar and the meals. She said pasta could move to the hot trolley as a choice instead of potatoes or rice. That means that the portion size would be limited and that you could have hot pasta as a choice with your lunch. She also suggested that we had monitors for the salad bar who could help children make healthy choices.

We also asked about hiding vegetables in other food as a way of getting children to eat more of them. Allison said that this already happens. We tasted some cupcakes that are being developed by the School Meals Service which had hidden vegetables in them and voted on our favourite.

Before the meeting, each class voted on what vegetables, salad and fruit they want. Allison and Laura will count the votes and put the most popular ones on for most of the time.

In the last meeting we also talked about the possibility fruit bowls on the table for packed lunch and school meals. The fruit bowls could have a variety of fruit that children voted for.

Year 6 school councillors: Violet, Jaime and Esme