



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July 2020

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS KNIGHT

Dear pupils, staff, families (including grandparents) and governors,

As I retire, I would like to thank-you all so much for making the last nine years at St Joseph's such a joy for me. Our school is a really special place because of the fantastic team of people who work together to make it that way – the pupils, staff, families, governors and parish. 'As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.' is lived out by our team every day, and I am so proud of you all.



I have often said in Friday morning assemblies (how I will miss them!) that the world is in safe hands because of our amazing pupils and it is absolutely true - our children do already, and will in the future, make the world a better place for everyone - **GO ST JOE'S!**

You have all been in my prayers at the start and end of every day and will continue to be so.

My very best wishes to you all, *Cecilia x*

### HAPPY HOLIDAY



We would like to wish every single one of you a happy and healthy summer holiday! We will be returning back to school on **Tuesday 8th September 2020**.



### GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Thank you for all your hard work over the past few months. We have loved seeing your work. Enjoy your rest!

Teachers will be putting some tasks onto Google Classrooms for the children to complete if they want to over the summer holidays. Additionally, please share your favourite summer holiday activities by sending photos to [homelearning@stjosephsotley](mailto:homelearning@stjosephsotley)

### SCHOOL LUNCHES - SEPTEMBER 2020

You will have now received the new school lunch menus for September 2020 to your email. If we do not hear from you by Monday 20th July, we will assume that your KS2 child will be bringing a packed lunch each day.

Meals remain free to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the cost is £2.40 which is payable on ParentPay.

### UNIFORM

We expect all children to wear school uniform in September. We want the children to be smart and respectful at all times and this is the reason for uniform.

To minimize risk of COVID, children can come into school in their PE kit on PE days, and remain in PE kit for the whole day. This will be a green jogging trousers, yellow P.E T-shirt and the green school PE hoodie. If they do not own a green school PE hoodie then please just wear the ordinary school jumper or cardigan.



### PARENT PAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments.

There are payments due for after-school clubs, trips and dinner money.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Many thanks.

## YEAR 6

On Thursday, we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. We showed the children a message from the Bishop in which he told the children of a Bible quote that was given to him when he left Primary School and has given him strength throughout his life. The words are spoken to Joshua by the Lord and they are very suitable for anyone starting a new chapter in their lives, they are: " Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid and do not let your heart be discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you may go." We hope that the Year 6 children remember these words as they start their new schools and that they know they will be in our prayers as well.

We were so pleased that the children were able to present a leaving assembly via Zoom to their parents and families. We have put the video from the staff onto Google Classroom if anybody would like to watch it. The children were also treated to pizzas from the Friends of St. Joseph and ice creams.

We would like to say a massive "Thank you" for our vouchers, flowers and cards and the kind words, it was very generous of you. We have loved teaching Year 6 and are so pleased that we are able to have them back in school for the past 3 weeks, we really enjoyed seeing them. They are a super group of children and we wish them all a wonderful summer with their families before starting their Secondary Schools. We are sure that they will enjoy all the new opportunities and amaze everyone with their talents.



Goodbye & good luck



## SACRAMENTS

### First Holy Communion

A form has been sent out via email for parents to complete stating their preference for which date they would like their child to receive First Holy communion in the autumn term assuming that this will still be possible within Government guidelines. We shall try to let you know the date your child has been allocated as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Confirmation

We are planning to hold Confirmation meetings in the autumn term after school for our Year 6 children, so that they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. We will hold a virtual meeting for parents at the beginning of the autumn term and with meetings hopefully starting at the end of September, probably on Thursdays.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place, both at school and at home,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the hope that has lifted our hearts during difficult times

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are.

We ask you Lord to bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together .

We pray especially for Mrs Knight as she starts her retirement and for our Year 6 children starting new schools.

May they take our love, prayers and best wishes with them on their new adventures knowing that you are always there for them to guide them and give them strength. Amen



## Virtual Summer Staycation Minibeast Mayhem!



Please note: The museum remains closed at the moment  
We'll share the activity ideas on Facebook.com/LeedsCityMuseum  
or you can email us for a copy



Creep, slither and flutter this summer holidays  
with virtual activity ideas!

### Tuesdays! Try Something New at home

From slime making to shadow puppets. Shared on Facebook on Tuesdays...

Tuesday	"Try Something New" Idea shared
21 July	Making Slime! ... from toiletries
28 July	Make a Simple Shadow Theatre... from a cereal box
4 Aug	Make a bug hotel ... from a cereal box (yes, another one!)
11 Aug	Big Minibeast pictures using household items!
18 Aug	Sensory Slimy Singing Time - on FB at 10am (or catch up later)
25 Aug	Lion Learners 'animal cam' videos... learn about creepy crawlies



### Thursdays! Critter Crafts at home

Follow us on Facebook for Minibeast crafty ideas on Thursdays...

Thursday	"Critter Craft" Idea shared
23 July	Create your own Butterfly or Moth Wings...from card
30 July	Craft some Climbing Spiders... from card and string
6 Aug	Salt Dough Bee and Bug Board Game....from flour, salt & water
13 Aug	Stylish Stag Beetle Armlets....from card
20 Aug	Make a Minibeast Mask...from cardboard and string
27 Aug	Edible Beetle Dungball Truffles from chocolate, cream & butter!!



Competition! Make your own Museum Window:

[museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/virtual-visit/museum-window/](https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/virtual-visit/museum-window/)

Proud to support:-

- Dadstastic Day - virtual event Sun 19 July:  
[www.facebook.com/events/214935026297585/](https://www.facebook.com/events/214935026297585/)
- 'Child Friendly Leeds' Live - virtual event Weds 5 Aug:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/756587865145702/>

