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Dear Parents

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their home learning, judging from the many emails and photographs sent in, you are doing an excellent job! Next week is half term and school is closed for a week. So please enjoy the holiday break, continue with daily reading and have fun together.

We are currently setting up Google Classrooms and hope to launch it mid June. This will enable pupil's work to be uploaded for teachers to access. We will continue to support families who do not have access to the internet or devices, by providing paper copies. We are confident that this will help to support home learning but will also be an excellent learning resource for the future. Further information will be shared in June.

SEPTEMBER NURSERY PROVISION (2020-2021)

I am delighted to confirm that we will be offering 30 hours Nursery provision for the next academic year. We will contact parents in due course.



Our online music lessons (uploaded on our school website), led by Mrs Chamberlain have been popular, so please look out for further sessions in the coming week. Year 3 have recorder lessons and year 4 Ukulele tuition. Mrs Chamberlain has also included music sessions for Early Years Foundation stage, KS1 and KS2. Videos can be found on the Learning home page under the music lessons tab and as news posts.

St Joseph's Storytime continues to be popular and new stories are uploaded every week. Do remember to send in requests for your favourite stories and staff will be delighted to read them. If you or your child would like to read a story, contact Mrs Gallagher - deputyhead@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk to arrange the uploading of your video on our School Website.



WIDER SCHOOL OPENING - PHASED RETURN

Provision for children of keyworkers has been in place since March and will continue alongside the wider opening of school for targeted year groups. If you are a key worker, kindly complete the google registration form, details were included in the letter sent out on the 20th May. If you have any questions, please do email me on head@st-josephs-junior.sch.uk. Please ensure you reply by the 25th May, as places are limited and applications will be prioritised if we exceed the limit.

In preparation for the wider opening of schools in June, we have been busy organising school resources and adapting the premises, to safely accommodate targeted year groups. This has involved extensive planning and detailed risk assessments, to ensure everyone's safety and minimise risks. School has gone through a deep clean and a further one will take place over half term week.

In terms of regular cleaning, areas and equipment will be cleaned through out the day and a further thorough clean at the end of each day. A deep clean will take place weekly, every Friday, when school will be closed. During the school day, children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly and may wear PPE if they choose. Staff will also have access to PPE and will closely follow all government directives and advice for health and safety.

Children will work in small groups, ranging from 8 to 14 and will remain in these teaching groups throughout the day. Break and lunch times will be staggered and whilst children will be able to play with others in their group, they will not have the opportunity to mix with other groups. Children will be reminded of the need for social distancing. Please could you reinforce this with your child at home.

We have organised a one way stem around the school and entry for everyone, will only be via the Infant entrance on Woodend. Infant families will exit via the Crown Dale entrance. Children will start and finish school at different times, to avoid too many people being on site at once.

We hope to bring in year 6 first, the week commencing the 8th June, followed by Year 1 and finally Reception and this will happen over a period of two weeks, initially for a shorter day for our Reception children. We are still considering bringing in Nursery but not at present.

I will be writing to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents next week, to share details about starting dates, drop off, pick up times and other key information. School will be closed every Friday, for a deep clean, but will continue to be open for children of key workers.

I appreciate you have a lot to consider, but please be assured that we always have the best interests of the children and our school community at the centre of all we do. Everyone's safety and well being continues to be our priority. All plans are discussed and approved by the Full Governing Body and shared with Croydon Local Authority. If you have any questions, do contact me via my email address. Keep safe and have a fun filled break

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR HALF TERM FROM MONDAY, 25TH TO FRIDAY, 29TH MAY.

PARENT SUPPORT

We are here to help you, so please do contact me on head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk if you need advice or support.

Octavo Partnership's Educational Psychology Service (EPS) is providing a telephone advice line for any parent or carer of children who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support you. A flyer will be emailed to you.



Thank you to all the infant parents for organising a farewell video from the whole school, for Mrs McLeary to mark her retirement. She is extremely appreciative and passed on her thanks. We look forward to welcoming her back whenever we return to formally thank her for her service to the school.

Until we meet again, take care and please keep everyone in your prayers. Your messages are important to us and valued.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher



Daily Prayers for Home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>



COMPETITIONS & FUN ACTIVITIES

The National Literacy Trust are supporting a new pen pal project in lock down 'My Dear New Friend' you can view the details using the following link

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/mydearnewfriend/>.