

19th June 2020

Dear Parents

It was a pleasure to welcome back some of our Reception and Year 1 children this week, who came in happily and were great at following guidance. It was wonderful seeing them playing happily and enjoying their learning and time together. Our Year 6 have showed maturity and are very settled. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us and been so positive, staff really appreciate it.

Return of other year groups

We have been able to set up some additional smaller 'teaching bubbles' for selected children in years 2, 4 and 5. Owing to the small size classes in the junior school, we have limited group sizes to 8 per group. Class teachers and the senior leadership team have worked closely together to choose children for these groups. You should have received a letter with details of sessions to attend. Kindly ensure you confirm our attendance as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate all pupils. We are looking into the possibility of transition sessions for each year group and I will share details with you as soon as they have been confirmed.

Keeping in touch

Staff have tried to call all families over the past two weeks and have successfully managed to make contact. We keep records of dates where we have made contact and if we cannot get through, a note is made for other staff to follow up. If you change your number or email address, please let us know as we have no way of contacting you if your contact information is not up to date. Thank you.

Google classrooms

My thanks to Miss Chrusciak (Google Classroom Lead) and Mrs Gallagher (Deputy Head) for setting up Google Classrooms. They have been ably supported by Mr Navarro and staff have received training to further develop their classrooms. Mrs Gallaher will be sending out a letter outlining further details about accessing information. There have been some great comments on the classroom streams and children have enthusiastically engaged. Moving forward, children will be able to communicate with their class teachers and ask questions through assignments set. Streams will be opened up for questions and class communication every Tuesday and Thursday. Class teachers will publish information on Monday, 22nd June 2020, together with a welcome video. Google classrooms is an excellent opportunity to promote online learning and will continue to evolve over the next few months.



May I please ask you to supervise your child's use of the Classroom and ensure that all comments are positive and supportive. Teachers welcome your questions and comments and look forward to them.

If you are experiencing any difficulties please contact us on the following email address and we will get back to you within 72 hours. ICT@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Daily Prayers for Home

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

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

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/homeprayer-2020-06-15/>

Please note that Margaret Clitherow Church will be streaming Masses

For details, please visit <http://www.stmargaretclicherowdulwich.org/>



UPDATE ON STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and commitment since we have been in lockdown and particularly to my senior leadership team, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Navarro who have worked with me and been in school since lockdown and through the holidays. We have faced many challenges but have always placed our children's wellbeing and interest at the centre of our actions. We look forward to the future, to the day we all return to school as a stronger community.

In September, there will be a number of changes in year groups. Miss Todd, who has taught in Reception for six years, will be moving on. She has taken up a position at St Giles, a school providing specialist provision for primary children. Miss Todd has worked hard and been committed to providing the best start to children in early years. I would like to thank her for her commitment and wish her all the best for the future. We look forward to welcoming her back in the Autumn term for a farewell Mass and a chance to say goodbye to her as a school community.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Bickmore will be joining our team. Miss Bickmore previously taught at St Joseph's in Year 6. We look forward to welcoming her back in September.

Class teachers for September will be as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Reid
Reception	Mrs Tope - P Ms Johnson - H
Year 1	Mrs Miscia - 1E Mrs Swain - 1S
Year 2	Mr Abrahams - O Mrs Langford Jackson - J



Year 3	Mrs Steen Plomer - 3SP Miss Langford Jackson - 3LJ
Year 4	Ms Ugbo - 4U Ms DeMelo - 4DM
Year 5	Ms Chrusciak - 5C Ms Bickmore - 5B
Year 6	Mrs Winters- 6W Mrs Phillips - 6P

Our Nursery will be offering 30 hours full time provision from September and we look forward to welcoming our new families to school in the Autumn term. There will be a change to our existing school uniform as from September. Girls will be allowed to wear grey trousers. They will have to be smart and must not be leggings or made out of jersey. Further details of our school uniform will be published shortly. Please note that children will be expected to wear the school coat and not other coloured coats.

*I wish you all a happy and safe week
Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher*