

31st May 2020

Dear Parents

*Pentecost Sunday is an important celebration in the Church calendar and this week's Mass readings remind us that God is our strength and the Holy Spirit will guide us through our journey.*

*My thanks to Father James for his message to our school community which has been posted on our school website. Thank you to Father Anthony who has kept in touch and calls regularly to offer support. Please keep all priests and clergy in your prayers. They continue to pray for us always.*



### SEPTEMBER NURSERY PROVISION (2020-2021)

*I am delighted to confirm that we will be offering 30 hours Nursery provision for the next academic year. All new Nursery parents have been contacted and we look forward to sharing further information over the next few weeks. We do have a few places left, so if you have not applied for a place, or know of families looking for a place for September, please do ask them to email me on: [head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk).*

### WIDER SCHOOL OPENING - PHASED RETURN

*Provision for children of keyworkers continues to be in place and will return to normal, following the half term break. Please note that if your child attends the keyworker provision and is also from a year group returning over the next two weeks, from the 8th June 2020, they will not be able to change groups from the key worker group to their age group. If you wish your child to attend the provision for their year group, then you will need to wait until that starts – 8th June for Year 6, 15th June for Year 1 and 17th June for Reception.*

*Parents of children in years 6, 1 and Reception have been contacted with details of the phased return. A further letter will be sent with information regarding drop off and pick up times. Drop offs will be staggered from 8.30 am to 9.45 am and pick ups will be from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm to avoid too many people being on site at one time.*

*The school has been deep cleaned and has a strict routine of regular cleaning, which will be carried out through the day, after school and an additional deep clean once a week. Detailed information has been shared with all parents in my weekly newsletter over the past weeks.*

*The Infant office will be closed and all enquires will be dealt with at the Junior office. Please call or email the office if you have any questions. It is the best way to contact us and staff will get back to you.*

*I will be sending out a questionnaire to you regarding home learning. It is to help us review home learning and will feed into our plans to implement 'Google Classrooms' in a few weeks time. Please do read the information on the next page of this newsletter.*

## LEARNING AT HOME

*I am delighted to inform you that we have been working hard to introduce 'Google Classrooms' to all our pupils. We hope to be ready to launch it in the next two weeks and details will be sent to you this week. Every class will have a 'Google Classroom' and teachers will upload tasks for pupils to complete. These will be marked and feedback given. My thanks to Ms Chrusciak, Mr Abrahams, Miss Langford-Jackson and Miss Ugbo for working on this project. Their input has been invaluable.*



*It is the way forward, not just because of the current crisis we are in, but for the future potential it has to support effective home learning and build closer links between home and school. Information will be shared with you this week.*

*Pupils will retain their current password but will have a new login address, all this information will be in the letter and Miss Chrusciak will have links to videos she has prepared, with instructions on how to access and use Google Classrooms. It is so important to look to the future and the new route children's education will take, incorporating thinking skills creativity and the skills to cope with an every changing world.*

## PARENT SUPPORT



*We are here to help you, so please do contact me on [head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto: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.*

*Keep safe and do stay in touch*

*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/>