

**25th September 2020**

Dear Parents

Thank you for your donations for mufti day, all money raised will be donated to MacMillan Cancer support. We would normally host a coffee morning and welcome parents and children to bake cakes and enter for the St Joseph's Bake off competition. Sadly, owing to current restrictions we were unable to do this and so hosted a mufti day to raise funds. If you did not get a chance to donate, please do feel free to send in your donation next week and I will publish the total raised in next Friday's newsletter.



Please do ensure that you send your child in with a school coat, particularly as the weather is changing and temperatures are dropping. Non uniform coats are not acceptable, so please do visit our local suppliers if you need to purchase a new coat.

**Our uniform is available from School Wear United, 3 Crown Dale, SE19 3PB**

**[www.schoolwearunited.com](http://www.schoolwearunited.com)   [sales@schoolwearunited.com](mailto:sales@schoolwearunited.com)   020 8655 7373**

With regard to the school calendar, we are unable to host our normal events as we have to limit people on site. Parent teacher contact sessions will be held by phone, details will be sent out to you shortly. You can contact teachers at any point via the year group email or through Google Classroom.

### **A bright future ahead**

We have been busy planning for our future based on pupil voice. Do take time to look at some of the projects we are investing in and will update you over time. We would like you to be involved with developing the outdoor areas around the school and want to work towards having a designated area for growing vegetables and fruits. The hope is that we will have sufficient produce next spring/summer for the children to cook with - and perhaps sell to our community.

- ◆ Pupil led gardening clubs (Bring a plant/gardening resources day) to revitalise the Angel garden and new junior garden

Some children in 5B have already started planning and designing the junior garden area but need your help. So please look out for a letter from them in a few weeks time.

## A bright future ahead

Exciting projects to come

- ◆ Repair and renovation to outdoor area including the junior stage, playground and areas on the upper bank
- ◆ Infant playground - Creative adventure area
- ◆ Free Wi-Fi for disadvantaged families
- ◆ Currently negotiating with Croydon LA to convert old laptops into school Chromebook for use at home and in school.
- ◆ Homework clubs
- ◆ Free Portuguese language lessons during school time & after school classes at a later date, courtesy of the Camoes Institute
- ◆ Holiday camp for half-term with discounted prices for St Joseph's pupils
- ◆ Potential restart of football clubs after school
- ◆ Music after school clubs
- ◆ Newspaper club



## Pupil Leaders

Year 6 pupils submitted applications for the Pupil Leadership team and attended interviews this week. Pupils will elect year 6 house captains and school council from Reception to Year 6. Results will be announced next week.

Pupil voice continues to be a strength of the school.



## Giving to the wider community

Mrs Phillips and other members of staff completed a 5K 'Memory walk' around the school grounds to raise money for the Alzheimers Society. £545 was raised. If you would like to donate please access the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mw555736>

## Marathon heroes - Mrs Mangan & Mrs Gallagher

Mrs Mangan and Mrs Gallagher will be completing the 'virtual marathon' event next Sunday, 4th October. Mrs Mangan will be running in the local area and Mrs Gallagher will participate in Sidcup.. I am sure you will agree this is an amazing achievement and deserves everyone's support. They are running for St Christopher's hospice. It would be wonderful if you can support them to help raise funds: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MaryMangan1>

To help support them, we will be holding a mufti day next Friday, 2nd October and ask that you bring in £1 or a donation of your choice. Children and adults in school will aim to run / walk 3 miles over the week in support. I will be sending out details next week of the route Mrs Mangan will take, should you would like to cheer her along the way.



We continue to be busy supporting parents through the pandemic and everyone's safety is our key priority. Please do maintain social distancing and kindly do not wait outside the school gates, but make your way home as soon as possible. A number of parents have expressed concerns, that some people are not maintaining social distancing or following guidance with due care. In the interest of everyone's safety, please could you wear a mask, where possible, when you are on school premises.



**WE'RE OPEN**  
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE  
RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING

**AVOID**  
Close contact with others

**DISTANCE**  
Yourself 2m from others

**BE KIND, BE CONSIDERATE**  
Please give each other space

#shoplocalstaysafe

STAY ALERT    CONTROL THE VIRUS    SAVE LIVES

**Infant Children** - From Monday, could all **year 2** parents please leave children at the playground gates on Crown Dale, where members of staff will be available to help children to class.

Please could **year 1** parents do the same, as it will ease the number on site at the start of the day. If your child is distressed, you may wait with them, but we would like to move towards all infant children walking in alone.

Nursery and Reception parents may accompany their children into school.

### **Crown Dale**

Please do not park on the kerb and obstruct the pavement on Crown Dale, as it makes it difficult for people to pass by, particularly those with mobility needs and those partially sighted. We have received complaints from local residents.



**Reporting absences** Please notify us of absences and reasons for absence. We may need to follow up with a call to confirm details.

[infantabsence@st-josephs-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:infantabsence@st-josephs-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

[juniorabsence@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:juniorabsence@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk)

The emails will be checked daily and are only to report absences.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you over the week.

**Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher**

