



The Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant and Nursery Schools

'Together We Can With Christ By Our Side'

Summer 2 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are into our last term of nursery and are looking forward to lots of exciting activities outside as the weather is improving. Please send in hats and apply sunscreen if necessary.

We had great fun celebrating the King's coronation and Sports Day.

Thank you for all your support this year, we feel the children are ready for reception and we will prepare them for the next part of their learning journey.

During the morning the children are given a snack of fruit and milk or water. The lunch time routine is going well and the children are being ably assisted by the lunchtime supervisors. If you have any concerns please let me know and I will do my best to resolve them. Please make sure lunches are healthy and we are a nut free zone school

This term our nursery class will be having a **PE session on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

On **Wednesday** and **Friday**, the children should all wear **trainers**. However physical development happens every day in the nursery and children spend a lot of time outside therefore it is probably best if they wear trainers most of the time especially with the cold and wet weather arriving. Please make sure that all their clothing and in particular their **coat is labelled at the top with their name.**

TIMETABLE

School Day 9.00-3.00pm full time

9.00-12.00pm part time

12.00-3.00pm part time

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P.E. Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please ensure your child's clothing and bag is labelled clearly with their full name.

Home Reading Books.

To be given out on a Wednesday and returned on a Tuesday.

Outdoor learning is an important part of our early years curriculum and we kindly ask that you provide your child with a pair of **labelled wellington boots** to support this. If possible, we ask that these remain in school to ensure we are able to learn outside in all weathers. Visits to the Forest School will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our main topics for this half term will be '**Journeys**' and our rhyme focus which will be The Wheels on the Bus, Hey, Diddle, Diddle, Mary had a Little Lamb and Jack and Jill. To help us with our topics, could you please talk to the children about journeys, how we travel, where do we go? Why? Discuss journeys you go on local and far away.

Some ideas to support your child with your child with our topics.

- Sing lots of nursery rhymes and particularly The Wheels on the Bus, Hey, Diddle, Diddle, Mary had a Little Lamb and Jack and Jill.
- What sounds have we learnt? Look at *Google Classroom* to watch Fred sounding out.
- Look at the numbers on the front of the buses, doors and all around.
- What shapes can you see? What shape is the wheel, window, roof etc.
- Count the trees, people at the bus stop etc.

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- Matching Numeral to amount.
- Counting in order - what comes next.
- Ordering Numbers.
- Counting above 10.
- Recognising numbers 1-10.
- Beginning to represent numbers with marks on paper, fingers and numerals.
- Symmetry.
- Repeating patterns.
- Positional Language, behind, in front, next to, in, on etc
- Share lots of stories.
- Give them lots of opportunities for mark making and drawing.
- Encourage them to tidy away their toys etc. as this is good practice for nursery tidy up time.
- Encourage children to put their own coats and shoes on, this will help develop their independence.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Swain

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