

## **Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020**



Dear Y6,

This year has been difficult for all of you; you should be now preparing for your Leavers' assembly and Mass when you would pass on the candle of the light of our school to Y5. These are the moments that make us proud of the young people you have become as well as cause us to shed a tear or two. Next week, there will be a link to the Leavers' Mass on the Y6 blog and the Passing on of the Candle ceremony which you can watch at home with your families. Just because we can't be in school together, doesn't mean that we feel any differently about you leaving; we will miss you all very much next year.

You are an amazing set of young people; there were always so many nominations on a Friday for the Jess cup for your class. We are sorry that not all of you got the chance to win the cup as we know that every one of you were worthy of the honour. You will have a special place in our hearts as the Y6 who had to cope with such a lot of change in the world. We know that you all have so much to look forward to and will go on to achieve great things in the future.

We are looking forward to when we can see you all again.

Love from all the staff at Our Lady and St. Joseph's

Dear parents/carers,

This is the last newsletter for this academic year 2019 – 2020. This year has been challenging to say the least and on behalf of all the staff I would like to express our appreciation of all your support and understanding during this time. You should have received a letter on Thursday outlining the plan for the reopening of school to all pupils. School will face significant challenges next year to keep school open to all pupils; this plan will minimise the risks to children, staff and the wider community as far as possible and will be reviewed at the end of the first half term.

The staff are looking forward to the new school year. Next week, your child will be able to watch a transition video made by their new class teacher on their current class blog. Reports have started to go out already; again they are different to usual, taking the form of a personal letter to each child to say how special they are to us, recognise their hard work and celebrate their achievements this year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff who have worked exceptionally hard since 20<sup>th</sup> March. School has only been closed for four days since then and all the staff need a break to recharge ready their batteries. School will reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to all year groups. We have missed having our whole school community together and are excited to welcome you all back. Routines will be different but our school values and ethos remains unchanged. We look forward to September with hope and joy at the prospect of a new normal!

With every good wish for a restful and hopefully sunny summer holiday!

Mrs McLaughlin

## Special Mention

### F1

Nate Newman for a fantastic week in school and showing excellent creativity.

Aurora O'Reilly-Bingham for the enthusiasm she shows towards learning.

### F2

Aiden Cheetham for working hard and for his beautiful writing.

Mia McAleese for trying really hard with all her work, in particular, her writing.

### Y1

George Phillis for trying really hard in school in all his subjects.

Lilly-Jean for producing an excellent William Bear scrap book.

### Y2

Louie Swann for having a positive attitude to home-learning all this week, continuing to access the suggested timetable throughout!

Samko Malik for an amazing 7-day diary of William Bear's visit to Edinburgh, including detailed descriptions and wonderful illustrations!

### Y3

Ronnie Grinsill-Clinton for working hard at home to improve his spelling, punctuation and sentence structure.

Scarlett Johnson for continued resilience and hard work throughout lockdown

### Y4

Lacey Taylor for keeping Miss Barker updated since home learning began and for reading for pleasure.

Zack Foster for keeping Miss Barker updated and working hard on Y4's new topic.

### Y5

Caitlin Tracey-Jenkinson for having a positive attitude towards her work and working hard within her bubble.

Miss Allen would like to thank the children who attending school this week. You impressed her with your positive attitude and enthusiasm for returning in September.

### Y6

Laney Geilhardt for a positive approach to transition.

Sydney Cherry for a beautiful book of memories.

## Evaluation of Home School Learning

We are evaluating the home school learning we have developed during lockdown. As part of our risk assessment for next term, the government has asked all schools to plan for the reintroduction of a partial or full lockdown when learning might have to be done partly or totally at home. There will also be times when children might be self isolating or shielding who will need to access remote learning. Finding out about your experiences will help us improve what we provide in the future. There is a quick online questionnaire you can find by going [here](#). So far, we have had over 70 responses! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill a questionnaire in.

### Training day October

School will be closed for a training day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### Mr Gouldin's Jokes

How do the Oceans say hello to each other?  
They wave!

What did the zero say to the eight?  
Nice Belt!

## Times of school for September 2020

### Breakfast club

Children can be dropped off from 8 am until 8.15 am for breakfast club at the cost of £2 per child per day. Children will go straight to their classrooms and will be given a drink and a cereal bar which they can either eat then or have as their snack at breaktime. Children will need to be booked in for breakfast club via the School Gateway. There is more information on the school website on **School News** tab, **Letters Home** which can be accessed [here](#) as well as a booklet *School Gateway Guide for Parents*. A pdf copy of the booklet will be emailed out to you with this newsletter.

### Drop off and pick up times

	Break Fast Club Drop Off	School Drop off	Gate	Pick up Monday - Thursday	Pick up Friday
FS1	8.00-8.15am	8.30 – 8.45	FS gate	3.15	1pm
FS2	8.00-8.15am	8.45 – 9.00	FS gate	3.30	1.15pm
Y1	8.00-8.15am	8.30 – 8.45	Main Entrance	3.15	1pm
Y2	8.00-8.15am	8.45 – 9.00	Main Entrance	3.30	1.15pm
Y3	8.00-8.15am	8.30 – 8.45	KS2 gate	3.15	1pm
Y4	8.00-8.15am	8.45 – 9.00	KS2 gate	3.30	1.15pm
Y5	8.00-8.15am	8.30 – 8.45	KS2 gate	3.15	1pm
Y6	8.00-8.15am	8.45 – 9.00	KS2 gate	3.30	1.15pm

Siblings can be dropped off together and collected at the earliest time. Children should be dropped off at the school gates and will be met by members of staff. At the end of the day, parents/carers enter via the main school gate, walk around to their child's classroom door and follow a one way system round school to leave via the KS2 gate. Only one parent should drop off and pick up. Foundation Stage parents will use the Foundation Stage gate.

## School dinner menu for the first half term

This menu has been designed to allow children to eat their dinner either in the classroom or outside; the same menu will be used each week until the half term holiday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheeseburger	Hotdog	Chicken Fillet burger	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Fish Finger Sandwich
Jacket Potato with Cheese				
Jacket Potato with Tuna				
Chilled Choice Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese	Chilled Choice Ham	Chilled Choice Turkey	Chilled Choice Egg
Potato Wedges	Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Potato Wedges	Chips
Flapjack	Iced bun	Rice Crispy Bun	Cookie	Muffin