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To Parents,

Here is our final newsletter for the academic year of 2019/2020. What a year! Although we could never have foreseen how this year would play out we would like to thank all children, parents and staff for working together through this unprecedented time. We wish all of our families a restful and joyful summer and we look forward to seeing you all when we return in September.

Goodbye

Today we are saying a tearful goodbye to Year 6, we wish them well as they progress to pastures new- may they look back on St Joseph's with fond memories (especially hopefully this week). They will leave behind wonderful memories.

We also say goodbye to:

Mrs Halliday Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Prentice FY Teacher.

Mr Kay Y4 Teacher

Miss Andrews Y1 Teacher,

Thank you all for your loyalty and dedication whether 1 year or 25 Years, you leave with our love and best wishes.

But we also look forward to new staff joining us:

Miss Fraser Y4 Teacher

Mr Sheehan Y5 Teaching Assistant (joined us during lockdown)

Mrs Shiels Y1 Teacher (Maternity Cover)

Mrs Blunt Y2 (Maternity Cover)

I am sure you will make them feel welcome

Goodbye to familiar faces

The following **18** families are leaving us after many happy years:

Boyd, Cherrington-Coleing, Duffield, Gallagher, Kelly, Kerins, Langdown, Maughan, Novak, Nunkoo, Smith, Stafford, Taylor, Townley, Wade, White, Wojtowicz, Yarnold. **God Bless You All**

Class Newsletters

All children will have received a transition letter from their new teachers. We hope the children find these helpful and can refer to them throughout the Summer should they have any questions or little niggles. We understand this is a slightly odd time but we want you to know the teachers are so excited to meet their new classes and are planning lots of fun and exciting activities for the first few weeks back to help the children settle in really well into their new environments.

Reports

All parents will now have received their child's report via Parent Mail. Well done to all the children who have worked exceptionally hard this year.



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The Simon Richards' Award

We are very pleased to announce the winner of the Simon Richards' Award this year is Clara Notarantonio. Clara has won the award as she always works hard, tries her best at all times and is kind to everybody she meets. She is a ray of sunshine and always puts a smile on people's faces. Well done Clara!

Inset Days for September

Please note as already sent out via Parent mail, we have **two INSET** days, when we return in September. These are **Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September**. These days are essential to ensure staff have a thorough induction of the new Covid plans, as well as looking in detail at the recovery curriculum, which all year groups are adapting to, which will ensure progress for all children.

Important information regarding September and the school reopening to all children (with measures to limit contact)

Start of day

- Both Little Sutton Lane and Bromwich Drive entrances will be open. Staff will be on duty at the entrances.
- Staff to be stationed in zones on the fields to greet children between 8:35am-8:45am.
- Children can enter via either entrance and walk to their area between 8:35am and 8:45am.
- Parents are to leave their child at the gate- no parents will be allowed onto the school site.
- Area stationed at least 2m apart from the next class.
- On 'wet days' – children will walk directly into their classrooms marshalled by staff. Parents leave the children at the entrance gate and leave the site.
- Pupils can bring in essential items – lunch boxes, hats, coats, stationery (for own use).
- School uniforms will be worn and do not need to be cleaned any more often or differently than usual.

During the day playtimes and lunchtimes will be arranged so that year groups do not meet with each other i.e. each year group 'bubble' to have half of the playground or half of the field in coned zones

Lunch Time

The School Kitchens will be fully open from the start of the autumn term, complying with the guidance for food and businesses on coronavirus documents.

FY – Y2 will have hot cooked food, Y3- Y6 will have packed lunches only.

Between 11:30am and 12:45pm FY, Y1 and Y2, in that order, will be given a slot to eat their hot lunch in the dining hall. Staff will wipe down and clean all surfaces in between to prepare for the next year group. When children are not eating they will be playing outside in their zone.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will eat their packed lunch in their classroom with the teacher from and then will go outside once KS1 have come in. The same zones will be used as at break time. Lunchtime supervisors will supervise children outside and in the dining hall assigned to specific year groups.

End of Day- Collection arrangements

Each year group will be dismissed from a different area of the playground led by the staff.

3.05pm Y1 and Y2



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3.10pm Y3 and Y4
3.15pm FY
3.20pm Y5 and Y6

A COLOURED LINE has been painted across the playground – parents must wait behind and not cross this line, and obviously adhere to social distancing.

The children will be brought to the playground at the designated time above, they will wait in their class line and be dismissed to parents within the allotted 5-minute window. We ask all parents to be prompt and punctual leaving as soon as they have collected their child/ren.

Any parents collecting siblings will need to wait for their children to be dismissed at their allotted cohort time.

Any messages to be given by parents must be communicated via email through the school office and not in person to the member of staff enquiry@stjosutton.net

Protective Measures / Social Distancing

- All systems of control will be followed stated on the letter dated 08.07.20 from M Emery to staff and parents.
- Hygiene – Twenty second hand washing and hygiene measures in place. Children to be continually reminded about 'Catch it, bin it, kill it.'
- Children to wash or sanitise hands at various points during the day, including: on arrival, after break time, before and after eating and when changing room. KS2 children can bring their own hand sanitiser bottles.
- Children's desks will be forward facing and side by side. (FY to forward face on the carpet).
- Staff will maintain distance from other staff and pupils as much as possible (minimizing the time spent within a metre of someone else).
- All measures will be followed by staff and children to ensure Year group bubbles do not mix.
- It is acceptable for younger children not to distance within their group however all children will be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff and peers where possible.
- Assemblies / collective worship can take place in year group bubbles / internally online.
- Resources can be shared between each bubble, but will be cleaned before being used by a new bubble or left unused for 48 hours (72 for plastic).
- Homework and home reading activities will be set online to reduce the risk of home/school cross infection possibilities.

We thank God for the many blessings we have received during this school year. We thank Him for our wonderful parishes, the community of families we have at the school and for all the staff who have worked so hard to make this year a success for the children.



Father,

We ask for your watchful eye and guiding hand to be with us

Where ever our paths may take us.

Amen





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Yours sincerely,

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Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
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Mrs L Chambers
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