



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all of our new families who have started with us this week. We hope that you will feel very welcome in our community and that your children will be very happy here at St Joseph's.

The children have returned happy and eager to be back in school. It has been wonderful to see so many smiles and also it has been lovely to see so many of you at each gate in the morning. Thank you so much to our wonderful parents and carers for being so supportive. Please do remember to stay socially distanced when waiting for your children to be collected each evening.

You will notice that we have had scooter pegs installed in the pathway from Deptford High Street. The new bike and scooter rack for Crossfield Street has been delayed by a couple of weeks due to the delays with the manufacturers. When these have been fitted, children will be able to use their scooters to scoot to school. All scooters will need to stay at home until this time.

Thank you for your patience with our school lunch provision. Nourish, our school catering team have been providing a deli menu up until today. This has included some hot options such as hot wraps and baps. You will be excited to hear that we will be moving on to the full hot lunch menu from Monday.

Your children will be taking home their menu cards this evening with all of the details of the options available from Monday. On the menu cards, we will be on Week 4 w/c 21st September.

Our Pupil Catering Team met with Jayne London, the Senior Operations Manager, this morning. They discussed the different options available and how they would be able to give feedback to Nourish over the coming weeks. Our PCT (Pupil Catering Team) will communicate with the different classes in order to hear their views on the menu and whether they would like any alternative options. Jayne spoke to them about the Food Standards that Nourish adhere to and also explained the Meat Free Mondays and Sugar Wise Thursdays. She explained that there will be an option for pupils to taste some of the food that they may have not tried before. Please do take a look at the menu card for further details or follow the link on our school website.

Nourish are also providing our Breakfast Club and they are also encouraging hot meals at breakfast time too. Please take a look at this menu on our school website.



In order to facilitate the lunchtime, we have readjusted our original plan to enable all children to get through the dinner hall. We will continue to use our class bubbles and the paired classes will be used to sit in the dinner hall.

Bubbles will now work with:

- Reception and Year 6
- Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 5 and Year 5

I have updated the information in the Parents' Handbook. Please do contact me if you have any additional comments or queries.

At the end of September, we will be holding our first parents' evenings. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, these will be virtual meetings where you will either have the choice of a Zoom Meeting or a telephone conversation. Further information will be sent out next week.

PE Lessons will change from next week and they will take place on the following days:

Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Friday (St John)

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday (St Thomas)

Year 6 – Tuesday and Friday


Please remember that in the current situation, we are asking all pupils to wear their PE kits on the days that they do PE. They do not therefore need to bring in their school uniform.

It has been wonderful to see so many families return to school wearing the correct uniform. Please see the table below if you are unsure of the correct uniform.

Misconception (Not Allowed)	Correct Uniform
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue shirt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue school polo shirt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black skirt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grey skirt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trainers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black school shoes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ankle boots (including kicker boots)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black school shoes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shop bought school bag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's Book Bag (KS1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's Rucksack (KS2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colourful PE kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Football tops or shorts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain navy tracksuit (no logos). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain navy shorts. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's PE T-Shirt

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes



Miss Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)