



### HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have never had a half term like the one we have just completed and all of the children and the staff are very much in need of a week to recharge their batteries. I hope that you all manage to have some well-deserved rest next week and although the restrictions mean that we are all limited in what we do, please do make use of the wonderful outdoor spaces in our local area.

Today, we are providing a £15 ASDA voucher to every child eligible for free school meals. The governors and leadership team at St Joseph's have decided to support our families to help ensure that no child has to spend half-term at risk of holiday hunger. This fits our commitment to ensuring every child gets a healthy start in life. Our free healthy breakfast club has started really well this term. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the registration form and we will contact you after the holidays for further details.

We have been incredibly proud of your children throughout the past 7 weeks as they have adapted to the new routines so smoothly. The work in the books, and around the school this half term, shows us such a range of subjects and skills that demonstrate the success since the wider lockdown.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have met with the Student Council, Student Faith Council and the Student Catering Committee. I was overwhelmed with their initial suggestions and they have all taken their roles very seriously. Next half term, they will all be updating you via this newsletter about their action plans and how they are leading change and improvements across the school.

In our last newsletter, I shared photographs of our new school library and the bike and scooter pods. It has been really lovely seeing these beginning to be used and the children enjoying them as much as the staff. My favourite quote so far was from Grace in Year 1. As she entered the library for our Student Faith Council Meeting, she let out a gasp and proclaimed "This is like entering a fairy tale". I can only agree Grace!



This week, I am sharing the photos of our new art room. The children in Key Stage Two have begun to use the new room when they are being taught by Ms Watson. Although the room continues to be set out in front facing desks, it certainly is a creative space for everyone to enjoy.



I am looking forward to sharing some of the work created in the art room in the next half term.

Over the last few weeks, a few alterations to our uniform has slipped in. Please do take a look at the table below before purchasing any new items. We have investigated school PE tracksuits and these will be available on ParentPay as soon as they arrive to school in November.

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

Please do stay safe and look after yourselves. If you need to contact me over the holidays, please call: 07377 628 083 or email [headteacher@stjps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@stjps.lewisham.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.  
Best Wishes

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