



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year at St. Joseph's. We would especially like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. This year our transition has been unlike any other year, however we are so proud of how the children are settling in so far.

With this letter is attached an overview of some of the things your child will learn this term. In EYFS we always try to plan according to the children's interests so things are subject to change!

Topic

This term our topics will be 'All about me' and 'Food and Celebration'. We will also work on a couple of mini topics such as 'Diwali' and 'Christmas'. For the first few weeks of the term we will mainly focus on settling the children in and helping them to learn the routine. Attached is some of the curriculum coverage for this half term.

In the foundation stage we record your child's progress in their own personalised learning journal. If you would like to record a special moment to include from home there are stickers available for you to write on. We will then share the moment with your child and add it to the learning journal. We will also send home a page for you to add at half terms

Unfortunately during this term the weather changes for the worse. Please be aware that we go outside in **ALL** weathers and bring your child into school dressed appropriately.

Please could you ensure **ALL** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name, including their shoes.

Children are asked not to wear any jewellery in school. If your child has pierced ears they are allowed to wear plain studs only. These will need to be covered with micropore tape when we start P.E.

Going home

If someone else is collecting your child please inform staff at the beginning of the session. We will only let children go home with people named on your permission form. If arrangements change during the day you will need to phone the office, otherwise we will not allow the child to go until we have heard from you.

Snack

Snack money is £14 for the term. The preferred method of payment is 'School Gateway'. If you have not done so already you can download the app and register for 'School Gateway'. This is also how you can pay for school trips, school dinners etc in the main school so it is worth registering for.

Birthdays

When your child has a birthday we like to celebrate with them in school. As part of our 'healthy school policy' and due to allergies in class, we would ask you not to send in anything edible. If you would like to bring anything we would always appreciate a book for the class library.

Uniform

Please avoid laced shoes until your child can tie them themselves.

Could we ask you to provide a pair of wellington boots for your child. They do need to be clearly named and will be kept outside for the children to change into themselves when wet.

Due to the limited space please make sure children only bring in 1 school book bag and lunch boxes if they stay for lunch/go to preschool.

Covid

Please make sure you follow the guidelines related to covid to help keep us all safe. DO NOT send your child into school if they have any covid symptoms. At this time of year children do pick up bugs quickly. If your child needs Calpol or similar medication, they should not be brought into school.

Outside the Nursery building there will be a box for you to put anything in that you need to hand into school. Please avoid handing anything to the staff in class but let us know if there is anything urgent you have placed in the box.

We appreciate the area outside the EYFS classrooms can be busy at times which is why we have staggered start/finish times. We are disappointed not be able to welcome you into the building to drop your child off but the majority of children are handling this well. Please do keep up with the system and respect social distancing guidelines during drop off and pick up. The path from the pedestrian gate is now a one way system at all times. There is now a gap in the fence for Nursery parents to be able to get access to the car park more easily.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Saunders, Miss Cannon and Mrs Karbovska