



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at St. Joseph's. We are pleased with how the children are settling into their new class and making new friendships. The children are learning our routines quickly and growing in independence already.

This letter is to give you some more information on what we will be doing this term and hopefully answer any remaining questions you may have.

### **Curriculum**

This term we will be working on two topics, 'Me in the World' and 'Let's Celebrate'. Alongside these topics we will work on some mini topics which are led by the interests of the children. With each topic we have some curriculum goals which we aim for every child to meet. We also set next steps for each individual child so that when they achieve their goals we can challenge them further. Attached is a topic plan with some of the targets for this half term.

### **What to bring in**

- Book bag – please do not bring in backpacks as we do not have space for them. If your child brings a letter for us in their bag please can we ask that you get it out for us when you get to school as we do not routinely go through the children's bags.
- A named water bottle – This must be taken home everyday to be washed.
- A spare change of clothes – If you feel your child may need a change of clothes please provide one in a plastic bag that can stay on their peg.

Please make sure any toys etc are left at home. Children do not need indoor shoes or P.E. kits.

- If your child stays for the whole day please bring their packed lunch, ensuring any pots are named. Please note due to allergies across the school we ask that lunches to not contain nut or nut products.

### **Pick up/drop off**

We open the gate in the morning at 08.40am. We have a 15 minute flexible start time but the gate is locked at 08.55am. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child round to the main school reception.

**If your child stays for the morning session only** - Please now use the pedestrian gate on the main road which leads straight up to the school reception. This will be on a timer so that it will be open from just before 11.40am ready for you to come and collect your child.

**If your child comes to the afternoon session** the gate will be open just before 12.30pm.

Please do not let your children play with any of the toys or equipment in the EYFS garden at drop off or pick up.

## **Uniform**

EYFS children generally spend a lot of time outside. Unfortunately this half term the weather tends to change and more autumnal weather settles in. Please make sure your child is sent into school in warm clothes and with suitable coats etc when this happens. All coats, hats, gloves etc need to be named please.

Children may wear winter or summer uniform up until October half term.

Summer dresses & socks/shorts and socks, or navy tracksuit bottoms.

Please make sure all uniform is labelled.

## **Snack contributions**

Snack money this term is £14. We appreciate prompt payment of the snack money so that we can provide the children with a healthy snack during the day. Any extra money goes towards resources for the children such as the ingredients needed to make playdough. Please make payments via the School gateway app.

## **Keeping healthy**

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell, have required medicine such as Calpol, or have any Covid Symptoms such as a temperature or a cough. If your child does have Covid symptoms they are welcome to return upon receiving a negative PCR test result and they are feeling well enough to return.

If your child is going to off school please telephone the school office to report the absence.

## **Tapestry**

As you will be aware from our induction packs we use an online Learning Journal called 'Tapestry'. All of the children have been set up with an account and activation emails have been sent to you. If you have not already activated your account, please do so. If you have not received an activation email, and it has not gone into your junk folder, please email the school to let us know and we will resend it. We periodically put observations and memo's on Tapestry so please do check regularly.

If you have any further questions please feel free to ask us.

We are looking forward to an exciting term!

Kind regards

Mrs Saunders, Miss Cannon and Mrs Karbovska