



COVID-19 Outbreak

Unfortunately we have had what is now classified as an 'outbreak' of COVID in the Year 5/6 classes. As a result of consultation with Public Health and HCC, additional measures will be re-introduced between Monday 1st November to Friday 12th November. Please see the attached sheet for more information.

Please note that:

- We are not planning at this point to change the already staggered start and end of school times for the two week window of additional measures.
- All Parents/Carers will need to wear a facemask whilst on the school site (unless exempt) from Monday 1st November.
- The emphasis is for all pupils to remain in school as normal. Public Health's current view is that we should not be sending bubbles home and reverting to home schooling.
- If a child displays any of the COVID symptoms, then please take them for a PCR test and await their result before sending them back to school. If the result is negative they can return to school if well enough. If it is positive, then they will have to self-isolate and return to school once the isolation period is over.
- Unfortunately, we have to postpone our planned Masses with Fr Antonio which were to commission the new Chaplaincy Team and Yr 4 FHC class masses.

Thank you in advance for working with the school to manage this outbreak of COVID.

Headteacher Mission Statement Awards:

Cedar	<u>OLIVER</u> – for living out our school mission statement by being a kind and caring friend to everyone in Cedar class. <u>CHARLOTTE</u> – for being a good role model to everyone when we are saying our prayers together in the way that you close your eyes and engage with God.
Cherry	<u>SOPHIA</u> – for always demonstrating a positive attitude and trying her best in Cherry class. <u>FRANCOISE</u> - for a wonderful piece of RE homework, sharing where he sees God in the world around him.
Elm	<u>DAVID</u> – for starting Year 2 with a positive and mature attitude. <u>OLIVIA</u> – for working hard in all areas of school life.
Fir	<u>SOFIA</u> – for being a kind and caring member of our community who always helps others in class. <u>MICHAL</u> – for his determination and positive attitude towards his learning.

Hazel	<p><u>MICAELA</u> –for living out the school mission statement in everything she does and sharing her faith admirably.</p> <p><u>CASIAN</u> – for his determination, efforts and enthusiasm across the curriculum and always challenging himself.</p>
Maple	<p><u>ELEANOR</u> – for her exceptional manners when dealing with other members of our school community, her willingness to help and support others and her unwavering efforts across the curriculum.</p> <p><u>SIMON</u> – for being a caring and thoughtful member of Maple class who takes pride in looking out for others and helping around the classroom. His enthusiasm towards lesson activities and wanting to regularly challenge himself is admired by us all.</p>
Oak	<p><u>DYLAN</u> – for his mature approach to his learning and for always contributing well in whole-class activities, where he actively works for the good of those around him.</p> <p><u>GILLIAN</u> – for being a great learning partner and for gently living out the mission statement every day.</p>
Pine	<p><u>CELESTE</u> – for her enthusiastic and hardworking approach to work and for being considerate and supportive to other members of the class.</p> <p><u>HARRY</u> – for his fantastic commitment to school, trying his best in all that he does and for being a thoughtful and respectful member of the class.</p>
Poplar	<p><u>IEVA</u>– for the kind words and support she provides to her fellow pupils at all times. Thank you for helping to create a “caring Christian community”.</p> <p><u>BRIAN</u> – for consistently applying himself across the curriculum and producing multiple pieces of high-quality work, particularly in English.</p>
Sycamore	<p><u>HARRY</u>- for living out our mission statement every day through his commitment to his learning and in supporting others who may need some help. He is a very welcome addition to Sycamore class.</p> <p><u>AVA</u> –she is such a kind and considerate class member, always putting others before herself. A great role model.</p>
Willow	<p><u>SANTIAGO</u> - for his excellent attitude to all that he does, approaching every task with the desire and commitment to do the best he can.</p> <p><u>JAMES</u> – for being kind and caring to all in our school community and showing himself to be an excellent role model.</p>

First Holy Communion Mass

Congratulations to all of our Year 4 pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion this last weekend. We are so proud of all of you who worked so hard in preparing for this sacrament and the sacrament of reconciliation. We will celebrate this special event in your lives in school as soon as we can!

St Francis of Assisi Trust

It has been a great joy to start working with our fellow Trust schools this half term. It is going to be very empowering learning from each other and in turn, strengthening our school.

We celebrated the Feast of St Francis on October 4th with a special assembly featuring pupils and staff from each school. Over the course of the year, we will be working as a Trust on joint ventures promoting our collective Catholic ethos.

The Trust has set up a new website which can be found here: <http://www.stfrancistrust.net/>

Secondary School Admissions

Miss McHugh (St Mary's Head of School) made a special visit this half term to the school and really enjoyed speaking with Year 6- she was really impressed with our pupils (as are we!).

Please ensure that you complete your Local Authority online application and submit any School Information Forms to the individual secondary school by 31st October 2021.

Applying for a Reception Place at St Joseph's for September 2022.

The next round of admissions for starting school for Reception 2022 opens on the 1st November 2021. Details will be available on the school website from 1st November.

KS1 and KS2 'Meet The Teacher' Sessions

Thank you to the staff for providing three sessions this year and all of the parents who took the opportunity to meet online this half term. We hope parents found the sessions useful. Copies of the presentations are available on the school website under the Parents Tab.

School Association

Next half term we will be holding our first meeting of the new year and our AGM. At this meeting we will need to appoint a new committee, including new officers to take the lead of the Association. I have been truly blessed with our committees over the years, with specifically their enthusiasm and dedication in wanting to make a difference. We do need people to put their hand up and take over the lead for the next cycle of fundraising to the benefit of all current and future pupils.

St Joseph's Building Nominated for Award

Our new school building has been nominated for a local council civic award, which is given out for new builds whose architectural design has enhanced the local community.

In addition, the DfE has recognised our building project as a 'model of excellence' and is being promoted accordingly. This recognition also meant that I had to speak at a national estates conference last week... so I truly know what it is like when we ask our pupils to go outside of their comfort zones!

Football Report

Interschool sport has returned to St. Joseph's! We have a football team in each of the school leagues, Gold and Silver, and our campaign is underway.

Both teams kicked off the season with a home game against Manor Fields. The gold team enjoyed a 14-goal thriller. Unfortunately, on this occasion, we were not the winning team, but the children showed great sportsmanship and real promise for the season ahead. The silver team's closely contested encounter finished with a 3-1 loss, but every player played with a smile on their face and represented the school superbly.

Taking lessons from their opening day loss, the silver team approached their next game against Albury with renewed determination. It was an incredibly exciting match and, after many twists and turns, finished 4-4. Sycamore's Eric netting all four of the goals for St. Joseph's.

House Points

House points awarded so far are as follows:

St. Anthony – 411

St. Bernadette – 502

St. John Paul II – 425

St. Margaret Clitherow – 490

St. Oscar Romero - 443

Safeguarding Children

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Our Designated Senior Lead for Child protection (DSL) is Mr Peter Coldwell (Headteacher). Our Deputy DSLs are Miss Ann Cassidy-Jones (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Saunders (EYFS Leader), Miss Kenny (KS1 Leader) and Mr Dove (KS2 Leader). If you have a safeguarding concern, please speak with your class teacher or to Mr Coldwell or Miss Cassidy-Jones directly.

Art Club

Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed their art club sessions on a Tuesday after school and due to high levels of interest, there will be a new art club starting for Year 4 after half term.

Our involvement in a local art competition

Children attending the Year 3 art club have also been busy working on their competition entries for the new Grange Paddocks centre, which will be displayed during opening weekend (dates to be confirmed). During the building of the new centre, a selection of Roman artefacts were discovered which is why the competition has been organised around a Roman swimming theme. Prizes up for grabs include free family swims in the new leisure centre. The children are very much looking forward to seeing their work on display in the near future!

DINNER MONEY FOR JUNIORS

Please note: Dinner money must be paid in advance. School meal prices are £2.70 per day, £13.50 per week. You may pay any amount of your choice to keep your balance in credit. Payments are made online using the School Gateway system. All you need to do to activate an account is download the school gateway from your app store or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click new user. You will receive a message with a PIN number and you can use this to log in. Please be sure the school office has your up to date email and mobile phone number.

Two weeks' notice in writing to Angela Hoare, our Catering Manager, is required for any changes in dietary pattern.

MILK ORDER

Milk is available to all age groups through the school. If you would like your child to receive mid-morning milk please just visit www.coolmilk.com to register and place your order.

Finally

Please can we keep in your prayers those members of our community who are grieving at this moment. We ask Mary, in this month of October, to comfort all of us in need.

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you, we cry, as children of God, joined as one with our wounded world, with hearts full of hope for a home transformed.

Mother of Creation, look upon us we pray, so we may come to see God's earthly garden through the radiant light of wisdom.

Holy Mary, Mother of all, make us worthy we pray, to treasure the earth our common home, and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Amen.

(Cafod- This prayer is inspired by the Salve Regina.)