



# Newsletter

## Dear Parents,

I regularly say how proud I am of our children. They have had a very difficult half term but whether at home or in school, they have shown their resilience, enthusiasm and love of learning. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for all your continued support, good wishes and messages of thanks. My thanks go to you also for the crucial role you play in supporting your children with their learning which I know hasn't been easy due to the many other challenges you face as a family. I understand you are doing your best at home. Please be reassured that your efforts are much appreciated and that as much work as you and your child can manage is all that we ask.

## **Extended Provision**

Breakfast club is open from 7.30am so please make sure you make use of this if it supports your working pattern.

Monday to Thursday school will be open until 4.30pm each day. Children will be able to draw, use a computer, watch programmes etc. in this time rather than us having sports coaches in so there will not be a charge for this.

**Extended provisions are to be booked via Parent Pay.**

## **Numbers in school**

We all have a duty to try to reduce the transmission of COVID and this can only be achieved if we only have pupils in school where absolutely necessary. If you have not already informed us of your working pattern or it is irregular, please be aware that you need to book a place by Friday lunchtime for the following week. Children will not be allowed in school if a place has not been pre-booked.

**Please do not send your child to school unless you have to.**

## Remote Learning

We reviewed our remote learning offer at this week's staff meeting on Monday. After feedback we will be offering the following after half term:

### Live Daily Welcome

The purpose of these sessions is for the teacher to lead class prayers and to explain work set for that day.

FS2	9.20 - 9.30am
Y1 Y2	9.00 - 9.10am
Y3 Y4	9.10 - 9.20am
Y5 Y6	8.50 - 9.00am

### Live Lessons

Lessons will focus on English and Maths

FS2	9.30am	
Y1 Y2	9.10am	10.40am
Y3 Y4	10.20am	11.15am
Y5 Y6	9.45am	11.45am

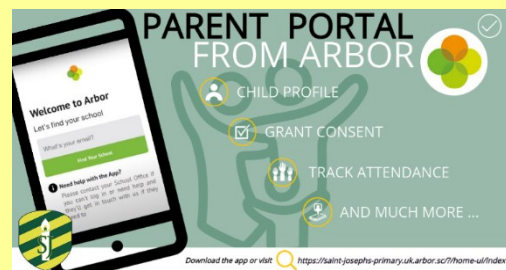
### Live Class Meet/Review

The purpose of these sessions for KS1 and KS2 will continue to be for children or parents to let us know what has they have found challenging that day or to answer any individual questions or to offer individual support.

FS2	1.10pm
Y1 Y2	2.40pm
Y3 Y4	3.10pm
Y5 Y6	3.10pm

## Arbor

Thank you to everyone for getting logged onto Arbor's Parent Portal.



## Half Term

School is closed to all children next week. I am sure the children will enjoy some time away from school work! We reopen on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## School Reopening

At present there is no further news regarding the full opening of schools. I believe that the government road map for this may be set out on or from 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Little Joey's

Our Little Joeys friends learning from home were asked to create a cosy sleeping area for their favourite toys. This linked into the week's shared story of *Can't you sleep Little Bear?*



## Y4

Y4 have been researching Ancient Egypt.....Did someone call for a mummy?



### Little Joey's

Our Little Joey's have been working very hard this week on taking turns and being kind to friends which we reinforce daily.



### Y4

We just have to share our beautiful Egyptian art work.



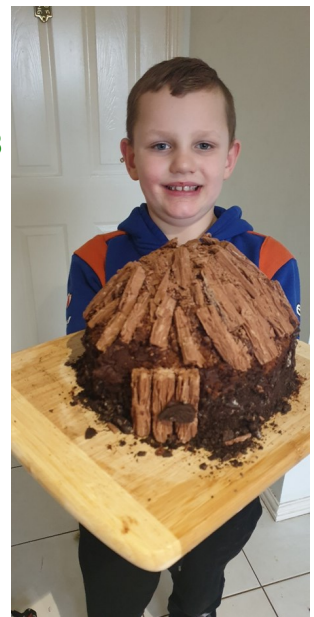
### FS2

FS2 enjoying painting by toes this week.



### Y3

Challenged with making Iron Age Roundhouses our Y3 don't disappoint. Edible topic work, fantastic!





Y2

Using their senses to enjoy the seaside for the end of their topic.



Y6

Avoiding the defenders!



Y6

Super artwork!



Y2

Healthy fruity snacks for Science!





Well done to the following children, your teachers are very pleased with the time you have spent learning your times tables!

Y2 - Bobby

Y3 - Ellie

Y4 - Harvey

Y5 - Violet

Y6 - Oliver P

### Lexia

We have lots of children accessing Lexia, a web based reading programme. Mrs O'Hara has picked the following children for a special mention and certificate this week as they are making a real effort with their reading. Well done!

Y2- Oliver B

Y3- Benjamin

Y4- Chloe

Y5- Jayden

Y6— Jaden

### Stars of the Week

Teachers have awarded certificates this week to children who have completed some of the topic homework tasks that were set in January. Some have enjoyed filling time at home or after school on these tasks so well done to them.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

FS1- Arthur & Archie

FS2- Connie & Isaac

Y1- James & Imogen

Y2- Holly & Matthew

Y3- Darcy & Logan-Luke

Y4- Oliva & Lauren

Y5- Jayden & Sam

Y6- Jaden & Katie

### Start Times

FS1 can be dropped off each morning between 8:50am & 9am.

FS2, KS1 & KS2 can be dropped off each morning between 8:35am & 8:45am.

Please ensure you do not arrive early as you will not be allowed on the site early. Can you also make sure that you leave the school site promptly.

### Staffing.

After 37 years in Catholic schools, I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. I love St Joseph's so it has been a very difficult decision but feel, particularly after such a difficult year in school, that now is the time to spend time with my family and, hopefully, enjoy some (cheaper) holidays! I can assure you that I will continue to work hard to ensure that we offer a great standard of education to our pupils and will, of course, let you know as soon as I can who my replacement will be.

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 17th February. We will start our preparations for Easter as soon as we return after the half term break.

Have a lovely Half Term.

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