



Newsletter No.15

Fri 26th March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The end of the Easter term is looming and what a term it has been!

It has been wonderful to have all of the children and staff back in school and to have some sort of normality within our school community before the holidays commence.

The children as always have shown us how incredible they all are, particularly with their resilience and adaptability. As adults we continue to learn from them, as they definitely give us a sense of purpose to keep going when things get tough.

I hope the Easter holidays bring some much-needed respite for you, alongside an opportunity to meet up with friends/family outside as restrictions get lifted.

Sincerely,

Clare Campbell



Feast of St. Joseph:

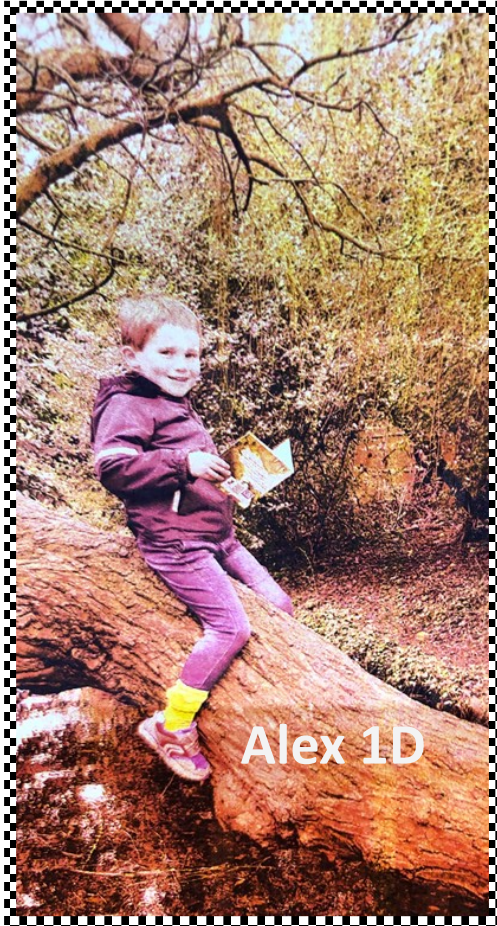
Friday was the Feast of St Joseph - Pope Francis has said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. Each of us can discover in Joseph, someone who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – a support and a guide in times of trouble. St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden can play an incomparable role in our lives. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.



READING IN UNUSUAL PLACES

'Reading in unusual places' competition:

Miss Campbell presented the winners with their prizes this week – a book voucher for Ink84. Thank you for all of the entries – the standard was very high this year with books being read in the strangest of places.



Alex 1D



Annabel 4J



Elliot 2F



Easter Egg Raffle:

This year the school's House Captains will be organising the traditional Easter Raffle. The children missed out on this last year due to the start of the pandemic and have begged for its return this year. After all the children have been through, this is the least we can do for them.

We would be very grateful for donations of Easter eggs – the ones that cost approx. £1 in major supermarkets. Please send them in with your child at school drop off time.

We would ask parents of children with specific allergies to provide an egg for their own child with their name/class on and we will ensure that are given that egg on the raffle day.

Children can purchase a raffle ticket from next Monday (29th) for £1 – children can bring their money between Monday and Wednesday and staff will organise the purchase of the raffle tickets.

The raffle will take place on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April. Money raised goes towards the PA's fund-raising initiative.

Extended Day Clubs:

We have had a really good response to the proposal of running clubs one night a week for most year groups for the summer term.

These will commence on Monday 19th April for Years 5 and 1 and thereafter on the night you have had confirmation for. Children who are participating in these clubs will be taken to the school hall at the end of their school day and registered for their club.

Collection is either 4.45 or 4.50 pm and is via the new extended day reception area just past the nursery gate.

Please make a note of the Extended Day number which **should only be used if you are running late or need to contact these staff in an emergency.**

The number is: 07949 406543



SJA Readathon:

Thank you for your encouraging your child to participate in this competition. It is lovely to see pupils from every class taking part. We will be announcing the class winners in a final edition of SJA Happy News next week.

We have also received some cash donations and will continue to accept these until the end of term. If you would prefer to make a donation in this form, it will be accepted with enormous thanks via the school office.



Improving reading skills:

Reading Skills - I read recently of a very simple strategy to help develop your child's reading. You simply turn on the subtitles on your television. Please see this website for more information: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>



Stephen Fry

“ Top scientists have proven that turning on subtitles of TV programmes can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. ”



Parent Consultations



Parents evening:

These will take place by phone from Monday 29th – Wednesday 31st March.

Class teachers have uploaded a copy of your child's latest piece of unaided writing on either Tapestry for Year R or Google Classroom for Years 1-6. It would be helpful if you could have a quick look at this prior to your meeting as the teacher will be referring to this during your appointment.



Last day of term:

School closes early for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 1st April**

Collection procedures will be exactly the same—the difference will be the times of collection. Please see below.



1.45pm Year 5/6 and siblings

2.00pm Year 3/4 and siblings

2.10pm Year 1/2 Reception and Nursery



Thank you in advance for your support in not congregating at the gates and wearing masks



Summer term:

School reopens **Monday 19th April** at staggered times using the one way egress/ingress system.

Thank you to all caregivers for your support at drop-off time in the morning. A reminder that the **8.30** slot is for **Y5/6 pupils and their siblings**. If your child does not have a sibling in Y5/6, then they are **NOT** in the 8.30 timeslot. We are trying to balance a minimal number of children egressing plus convenience for families. Please turn up only for your allocated timeslot and on time.

Gates close 5 mins after your allocated time. If you are late, do not worry or panic, we will accommodate you as soon as it is safe to do so.

THIS INGRESS SYSTEM REMAINS THE SAME EVEN IN INCLEMENT WEATHER—PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

8.30
Y5/6 and siblings
Gates close at 8.35

8.40
Y3/4 and siblings
Gates close at 8.45

8.50
Rec/Y1/2
Gates close at 8.55

Pets on the playground:

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school play-ground – this includes carrying dogs in adult arms! In order to adhere to the health and safety regulations, we respectfully ask you to keep your pets outside the school gates. We thank you in advance for your support in keeping our school safe. Official guide dogs are an exception.



RSE consultation:

Thank you to the parents and carers who responded to the Relationship and Sex Education documents that were sent out for your perusal 2 weeks ago. The consultation period has now come to an end. We thank you for your responses.

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

Statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams, teachers



PE for the Summer Term:

We have decided as school to continue with the high profile of PE for the summer term. Children will be required to wear their PE kits for two days per week as specified below:

Monday	Y1 Y5
Tuesday	Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4
Wednesday	R Y5 Y6
Thursday	R Y2 Y3 Y4
Friday	Y6

Easter Passion performance:

Budding performers in Y5 have been rehearsing an Easter Passion presentation to commemorate the trials, tribulations and sacrifice of our Lord. They will be filming it and it will be available on Google Classroom for viewing. Many thanks to the pupils of Y5, Ms Newman, Ms Williams and Ms Mullen for your conscientious efforts.



COVID-19 UPDATE

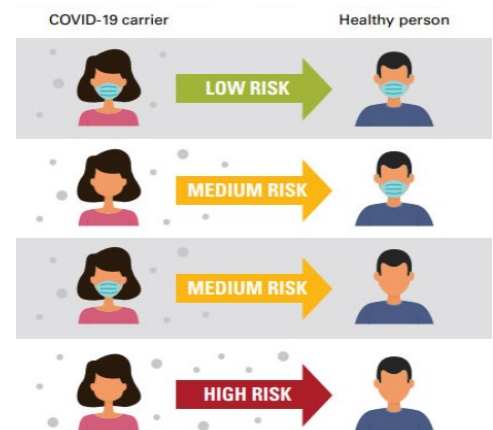
National lockdown:

What's going to happen on 29 March?

- People will be allowed to meet outside, either with one other household or within the "rule of six", including in private gardens
- The stay at home rule will end, but the government will urge people to stay local as much as possible
- Outdoor sport facilities will reopen, including golf courses and tennis and basketball courts, and formally organised outdoor sports can restart

Stage two (no earlier than 12 April):

- All shops allowed to open, along with close-contact services, including hairdressers and beauty salons (including in people's homes)
- Restaurants and pubs allowed to serve food and alcohol to customers sitting outdoors
- Gyms and spas can reopen, as can zoos, theme parks, libraries and community centres
- Members of the same household can take a holiday in England in self-contained accommodation
- Weddings attended by up to 15 people can take place



School Uniform:

Full school uniform – including correct footwear resumes for three days per week for the summer term.

The used uniform stall will be in operation next week should you desire to purchase excellent quality used uniforms: Tuesday 30/3 and Wednesday 31/3. Thank you to the parents who run this stall.

Holy week:

This Sunday 28th sees the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. We remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and the week of trials and tribulations that lay ahead.



Dearest Lord, during this holy time for so many, we pause to remember that your light can never be extinguished. Help us to believe in this truth so that we might live lives that display your eternal illumination. Amen.