

The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S
PARENT and CARER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Week Commencing 10 December 2018 Week 13 of 38
Nurturing Your Child Through Play



Our Last day is Wednesday 19 December we return after the Christmas holiday on Monday 7 January 2019.

If your child is not able to attend a session, please would you email the office. It would be helpful if you gave the reason for the absence.

For Safeguarding reasons if your child has not arrived we will attempt to contact you but would very much prefer you did not leave it to us to call.



A gentle reminder that smoking is not permitted on the site. Could I politely ask you not to smoke when your children are near you. The smell tends to remain on your child for quite sometime and we do have some children with respiratory conditions that are affected by the lingering smell of smoke.



Car Park

Thank you for not parking in the school car park.

Dates to remember:

Term Dates - 2018-2019

Autumn

Thursday 6 Sep - Wed 19 Dec (Half Term Mon 22 Oct- Fri 26 Oct We are not open)

Spring

Mon 7 Jan - Fri 5 April (Half Term Mon 18 Feb- Fri 22 Feb We are not open)

Summer

Tues 23 April - Mon 22 July (Half Term Mon 27 May - Fri 31 May We are not open)

Tuesday 18 December - Nativity performance in St Joseph's Church with party at Kindiejoes. Early warning the session will start later and finish earlier on this day.

Our Session times

Morning 8:40-11:55 Afternoon 12:10 -15:10 School Day 8:40-15:10

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Our First Nativity - 18 December 2018

The children have started to learn the songs for our Christmas performance. All our preschool children will walk on in small groups of two or three. This takes the pressure of appearing on "stage" on their own.

The performance takes place in St Joseph's Church and for the event you will be able to drive up St Margaret's Drive and park in the church car park. If you are walking from Rosebank the gate will be open to allow you access. Could I ask you to walk if you can.

We will not be having a morning session instead we ask you to bring your children to the Church at 11:00. It will take us a 10- 15 minutes to get them ready and settled and the performance will last about 15 - 20 minutes.

The plan is that after the performance we are all going to come back to Kindiejoes and have our Christmas party. The children can then all go home excited and exhausted. **There will be no afternoon session.**

The Party

After the performance the practitioners will bring all the children back to Kindiejoes and remove their costumes. (You may have to send your child with clothes to change them into depending on the costume they are in.)

We will have some games and some party food and we know that Santa is very busy but he has said that if he finds that he can take a break that he would like to visit the children.

If you would like to come and help please let us know.

In the letter I sent earlier in the week I did ask you to come to collect your child at 1:30, but if you could be here from 1:15 that would be better.

The children will then be ready to go home.

If it is possible for you to walk please do, it will help avoid some of the usual parking issues.

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Information If your child is having Lunch

Monday	Wednesday
main	
Southern Style Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast British Chicken
Jacket Wedges	Sage & Onion Stuffing
Sweetcorn	Gravy
	Roast Potatoes
	Carrot & Swede
vegetarian	
Veggie Bean Taco	Quorn Fillet
Vegetable Couscous	Fresh Cabbage
Sliced Beetroot	
dessert	
Marmalade Cake	Fresh Fruit Platter
Custard	Creme Fraiche
Yoghurt Pots (Turners Dairy)	Yoghurt Pots (Turners Dairy)
Fruit Option	

Below is the link for information about the food itself
<https://www2.myschoolunch.co.uk/surrey/primary-schools/the-education/the-complete-guide-to-surrey-school-meals/>

No Lunch on Tuesday

We will be having our party instead.

Thank you to all who have volunteered. Please no more Pom Bears. I think Epsom will shortly be sold out.

We do need some more filling savouries such as sandwiches.

And some fruit please.



Nothing to do with lunch or food but.....

Caroline would like to say a huge thank you to you all for her beautiful flowers that arrived this week.

She did pop in this week and was lucky enough to see the children in rehearsal. She is going to try to make the performance but has been sent a hospital appointment at the same time!

Caroline this year's performance will be dedicated to you.

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School Application

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you have up until 15 January to get your applications completed and I strongly advise that you get the applications completed before Christmas. That way you won't forget!

Good Luck and Let me know if you need any help.



Uniform

You can buy Tshirt, sweatshirts and fleece tops form Tesco online.

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/the-kindergarten-at-st-josephs/9896.school>

I think this might be the correct link. Nadyne would you mind checking it for me.



A little reminder about how to wash hands.

First wet your hands



Then add soap



Next rub hands to make bubbles



Finally rinse and dry.



Thank you for marking bags, coats and other items of clothing. It does help us a lot.

Pooch Corner

Is the Toddler group that meets in the Church on Monday Mornings. They are looking for volunteers to help set up and generally help. Let me know if you might be able to help.



I thought I would add some preventative advice about nits and headlice. Sadly this is one of the downsides of having groups of children together. However I do need to emphasise that although these little beasts are annoying they do not cause harm.

Good advice is **once a week take a peek**. When you wash your child's hair, once a week use a conditioner and using a nit comb look through your child's hair. This should prevent the beasts getting too comfortable. Should you happen to come across the pests ask one of the local pharmacists for their recommended preparations and let us know so that we can warn others to be on the look out.

Another preventative measure is just to brush your child's hair everyday. I know that not all children like having their hair brushed but nor do the little beasts.

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Last Week



This week we have had lots of Christmas crafts happening. Some of you will have seen the fantastic reindeer dup cakes. Others will not have seen them as their child probably had probably eaten the delicious creation.



The children were inspired by the indoor tree to decorate the forsythia with the yellow and green rings. How inventive.

We set up this writing station with lots of paper so that the children could write their own lists for Santa and post them in this very special box. It proved very popular. It also gave the children to practice their writing skills on their own and feel proud at their achievements.



Did you know that on Tapestry you can leave us a comment to let us know what you think. If writing words is asking too much how about using the likes button.



Thanks to all of you who have found the likes button

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FKYs - First Kindergarten year.
Children going to school Sep 2020.

Nativity performance has now been perfected so we will be continuing with singing the songs. I am still trying to fit in a rehearsal at the Church but am not sure that this is going to be possible this year.

Turn taking is really important. At home emphasise when turns are being taken. "Mummy's turn to talk." "Daddy's turn to drive the car."



Please add any photos of visits to Santa to Tapestry. We would really love to see them.

We have no plan for this week, it is all children's choice with one or two of our favourite Christmas activities thrown in.

Things you can do at home - lots of turn taking and emphasising whose turn it is and who is next.

Looking at books and talking about the pictures.

When you write your child's name the first letter should be upper case and rest lower case. Can your child recognise the first letter of their name. They might be able to spot in some of the books you are looking at but remember that to them "A" looks very different to "a" and they may not know that they both are the same.

Can you count how many steps to walk to your front door?

On your way home how many windows have sparkly lights in them?

Who has got the biggest feet in your house?

Does your house have a chimney? Does your child know where it is inside and out/ and what does it do?

When you are serving up food, you show your child how you share your food.

Can you have a throwing game, perhaps throwing clothes into the washing basket. This will help your child's physical skills.

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2018 -2019 Staff Team



Caroline - Deputy
DSL
PFA
Tues- Fri



Jolanta
PFA
Wed - Fri



Marion
PFA
Mon, Tues &
Thurs



Karen



Louise
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PFA



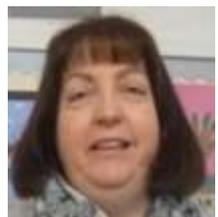
Annabelle
DSL
PFA
Mon, Wed & Thurs



Bernie - Acting
Deputy
PFA
Mon - Wed



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Mon, Tues & Fri



Bernisi - Acting
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PFA- Paediatric First Aid
DSL - Safeguarding Lead

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Are you thinking about toilet training?

Manu has a rather special potty that she no longer needs (and was hardly used).

If you would like know about this essential item please speak to Manu or Louise

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If you are interested please contact her and tell her that you came from Kindiejoes.

And for those of you feeling left out Lynda is now providing adult Tap Classes for all and no abilities. So much fun!

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