

# The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S

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#### Volunteer

Now that the children are settled we are happy to invite you to join us as a volunteer.

You may wish to commit to a session or part session every week or just a one off. And there are many tasks you could help with such as preparing the snack, reading a book, helping to prepare resources.

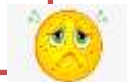
Speak to Louise if you would to help.

#### Welcome

Noah new to Kindiejoes this week, and ofcourse his Mummy too, welcome.

#### Chicken Pox

Two of our children have siblings with suspected Chicken Pox. Look out for those spots!



#### Help Wanted

We want to build some raised beds so that we can do even more planting in the spring.

Thank you to the **one** parent who has volunteered. Would anyone else be interested in helping the parent with this really fabulous project?



#### Dates to remember:

2019- 2020

Wed 4 September - Tues 17 Dec (Half Term 28 Oct - 1 Nov 1 Week)

**Thursday 14 November - The photographer will be visiting for individual photographs.**

**Monday 16 December 11:00 - Our Nativity performance & Christmas party for all the children**

Wed 8 Jan -Fri 3 April (17 Feb - 21 Feb, 1 Week)

Mon 20 Apr - Tues 21 Jul (25 May - 29 May, 1 Week)

#### Our Session times

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

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#### Changes to Invoicing:

This term we have changed invoicing from termly to monthly.

- Invoices will be sent monthly from September to June and are payable in advance at the beginning of the month
- Invoicing will be for actual sessions so the amount will vary each month
- The final invoice in May will include June & July sessions

You should have received 2 invoices by now for September and October sessions. If you have not, you can access copies in Famly in the "Balances" section.

If you have any invoicing queries please speak to Rani on Tuesday/Wednesday or send a message using Famly.

#### FAMILY

Famly is our Administration platform.

We use it to

- store your children's information on it
- give you the opportunity to report absences
  - communicate with the staff team
  - send invoices
- keep you informed of your child's progress on our learning journey
  - send our weekly newsletter

#### Health & Safety

We would prefer the older children not to play on the play equipment they are a little too big and

1. May hurt themselves
2. May break the equipment

**Please take care.**

#### Lost Property

We have a number of items that we have been looking after since the beginning of term. If you are missing items please would you check if we have it.

Your children are all very little and they do not always recognise their own clothes so it would really help us if make sure everything is marked with your child's name on.

If you could put your child's name on the outside of their bag that would be marvellous.

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You may notice that we sometimes leave out a bucket with books in.

This is our unofficial lending library. While you are waiting for us to open up, let your child choose a book or two, enjoy them at home and return them.

You can add your thoughts to your child's learning journey on Family



#### Attendance Matters

Please ensure your child attends their regular booked sessions. They are at time in their lives where consistency of attendance matters.

#### Car Park

Thank you for not parking in the school car park.



#### Uniform

I have been contacted by My Clothing which is the company that provided Tesco with their embroidery service.

I have agreed to let them continue to supply and have added some more items to the range. There is now a reversible fleece and a rucksack.

Take a look and get ordering.

[www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)



#### Outside Play

Weather at this time of year is extremely changeable and we do love out outdoor play.

Please remember to send your child with a coat,



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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### School Application

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 read on.

From 4 November you will be able to go online and make an application for the primary school of your choice. In addition some schools require a supplementary form to be completed.

The schools in the area that most of the children will apply to are:

**St Joseph's** - <http://www.stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk/>

**St Martin's** - <http://www.stmartins-junior.surrey.sch.uk/>

**Stamford Green** - <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/>

**Epsom Primary** - <https://www.epsomprimaryschool.co.uk/primary-school>

**Wallace Fields** - <http://www.wallacefieldsinfantschool.co.uk/admissions>

There are boundaries or catchment areas for all the school and differing criteria for entrance, so sadly just because you like the school it may not necessarily be enough to gain you a place. Please take time to call the school or look at their website. All the schools will be having open days so start planning now so that you can get to see them all.

You do have up until 15 January to get your applications completed and the online admissions will allow you to nominate up to four schools. When you do start your application form make sure you have your Council Tax number with you as you will be required to enter it on the form.

If you do not have easy access to a computer you can use one in my office but please let me know in advance so that I can make sure there is desk space for you.

Expect to hear on 16 April which school you have been allocated a little bit of a wait.

I will be available for a **coffee and a chat about school applications next week Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday after morning drop off**, let me know if you can make it.

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

Thinking of applying to St Joseph's Catholic primary school?

If you are and you attend St Joseph's Catholic Church did you know that you must "sign in"?

If you want to know how please ask Louise.

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#### Information if your child is having Lunch

14/10/2019 to 20/10/2019



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>main</b>				
Pasta In Tomato Sauce	Pork Sausages	Roast Pork Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake	Wholemeal Crumb Salmon Fillet
Fresh Mids Potato	Mashed Potato	Gravy	Broccoli Florets	Oven Chips
Carrots	Gravy	Roast Potatoes		Sweetcorn
	Sweetcorn	Fresh Shredded Cabbage		
<b>vegetarian</b>				
Quorn Lattice Slice	Vegetable Biryani	Roasted Vegetable Quiche	Quorn & Pesto Pasta	Vegan Nuggets
Broccoli Florets	Peas	Cauliflower Florets	Carrot Batons	Baked Beans
<b>dessert</b>				
Ginger Cookies	Cheese & Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Salad	Ice Cream Sponge Roll	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie
Milk Drink	Fresh Apple Slices	Crème Fraiche	Yoghurt Pots	Milk Drink
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#### Important Information about the Future of School Lunches

For the last academic year we have trialled taking the children to the school for their lunch and provided them with a school lunch. We are very proud of the confidence this has given the children. We have been able to see the children, who are now in reception year at school, easily settling into this part of school life without any fuss.

Sadly we are not able to absorb the cost of the meals any longer. We are consulting with parents whose children currently attend school days with the possibility of them paying the cost of the meal at £2.30 or providing a packed lunch.

Because of staffing and the time limit we have in the school hall we will only be able to do one or the other.

I will keep you informed of the outcome.

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.



Below is the link for information about the food itself

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/surrey/primary-schools/the-education/the-complete-guide-to-surrey-school-meals/>

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A message about upcoming road works. I am hopeful that this is not going to affect us too much but my advice is please do not stress, if the road works overrun just get here when you can.

Dear Stakeholder

#### **Notification of major gas works: West Street, Epsom**

I am writing to make you aware of our forthcoming upgrade of our gas network in West Street, Epsom. This essential work involves the replacement of old metal gas mains with new plastic pipe to ensure we continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply to the local area. Our contractor Essex Utilities will undertake this work on our behalf.

So that we can minimise disruption, we have carefully consulted and planned our work in partnership with Surrey County Council. We have agreed to start our project on **Monday 14 October** and last approximately **3 weeks**. Our engineers will be working in two phases as follows:

#### **Phase 1 – West Hill, between the junction of Hookfield and Wheelers Lane**

- We will begin our project on West Hill on Monday 14 October for approximately two weeks
- Our engineers will be working between the junction of Hookfield and Wheelers Lane
- There will be no carriageway incursion during this phase
- During this phase our engineers will be working Monday – Friday between 8am and 6pm

#### **Phase 2 – West Street, from the junction of South Street to the junction of West Hill**

- From Saturday 26 October our engineers will progress into West Street between the junctions of West Hill and South Street for approximately one week
- To ensure everyone's safety we need to make West Street one way westbound under the railway bridge from the junction of South Street to the junction of West Hill for approximately one week
- A signed diversion will be in place for all eastbound traffic
- We also need to suspend bus stop 'E' on West Street during this phase
- Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout
- During this phase our engineers will be working Monday – Friday between 7am and 7pm and Saturday and Sunday between 8am and 2pm.

We understand that people can get frustrated by roadworks. However, the new plastic pipe has a minimum lifespan of 80 years. This means that when the work is complete, Epsom residents and businesses will continue to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable gas supply for years to come.

You can find more information about this project and other works in your area, at One.Network here: <http://bit.ly/2mXjLNH>

Please share this information with anyone you think may be impacted by our work.

I hope I have been able to reassure you of our commitment to deliver a safe project and keep you updated.

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### This Week



We have been working hard with the children teaching them to know shape names.

You will be aware that this is important for Maths but it is also necessary for Literacy. Children need to realise that a circle looks different to a triangle before they can see the difference between letters.

We introduce shapes in all sorts of ways because children learn in all sorts of ways. Some children wanted to jump from shape to shape naming them as they jumped, others rode their bikes over them. Some build, some draw shapes others sort with them. This shows us their interest and we work on this.



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This little group had a picnic. This involved some turn taking and communicating with each other. And look at the smiles.

The children below took turns banging a drum. Very noisy but fun.



I love the story of the three little pigs, don't you?

This week some of the children had an opportunity to build house made out of blocks and straw and they saw how easy it was to blow the house down.

Sorry if they continued to be big bad wolves at home.



Mark Making is our way of explaining early writing skills. We start with playdough being able to use our hands to manipulate, then scissors need fingers to work.



One of our little treasures wanted a "big paper" and wanted to draw a train track. The practitioner drew the two outside tracklines, he then added lots of lines and then used his picture to run his train along. Lovely play.



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**FKYs** - First Kindergarten Year Children starting school Sep 2021

**Pre- Sch** - pre-schoolers children starting school September 2020

If you want to understand more about what ages and stages of child development (when a child can do something), "What to expect, When?" is a really easy document to read. You can find it on our website on the policy page or you can buy your own copy by following this link: <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/resources-and-publications/information-guides/what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide/>




**Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### Early Years Foundation Stage - Weekly plan

**Next Steps:** PSED: Turn taking and sharing toys. Getting to know & understand the nursery routines. UW: Space, magnets, spiders. PD: Hammer a squash. Fine motor skills - pom poms & tongs, scissor work, cross stitch. EAD: Doctors dressing up, clay stars. Maths: Big & small, shapes, in and on. Lit: Three Little Pig story re-enacted again we loved it so much!

#### Atlantic room, Pacific room & outdoors.

AREA	Creative Workshop	Sand & Water	Construction & technical/ Malleable & tactile	Small world & imaginative	Mathematics	Exploration & investigation	Mark making	FKYs
MON	Colour mixing - lets paint some spiders!	Water, jugs & bottles	Scissors and paper Cross stitch	Prms & dolls outside	Cars in the car park	Magnifying glasses, spiders and their friends. How many legs do they have?	Crayons on the easel	Turn taking Shapes
TUE	Clay - can you make a star?	Washing line and pegs	Building with foam blocks Scissors & playdough	Teddy bear's picnic	Six piece or less puzzles	Magnets - What do they stick to?	Tracing lines	Turn taking Shapes
WED	Shapes & spaceships	Tongs & pom poms	Big & small Hammer a Squash	Doctors dressing up	Geo Stacker	ICT toys	Jump on a shape! outdoors	Turn taking Shapes
THUR	Pigs & house to colour & cut	Cups, water & spoons	Scissors, straws glue - collage Duplo	Three Little Pigs - straw, sticks & bricks	In and on	Turn taking with musical instruments	Triangles - draw and cut out	Turn taking Shapes
FRI	Astronaut	Stars in the sand	Lego Empty room activity	Empty room activity	Big or small	Empty room activity	Mirrors and coloured pencils - can you draw your face?	Turn taking Shapes
<b>Outdoor physical activities this week:</b>					<b>Children's requests:</b>		<b>Makaton signs of the week:</b>	
Tykes cars, climbing frame, crates, slides, see saws, trampoline, hula hoops, tyres, Jump on a shape games							Spaceship	
<b>Shapes of the week: (FKY/Pre-sch)</b>				<b>Books of the week:</b>			<b>Nursery rhyme:</b>	<b>Words of the week:</b>
 Revise all previous shapes				FKYS: If You See A Kitten... Pre-schoolers: Man On The Moon			Insy Winsy Spider	Revisit in & on

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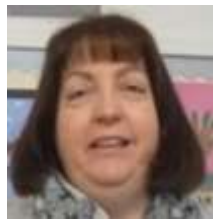
2018 -2019 Staff Team



Caroline -  
DSL  
PFA  
Mon AM, Wed,  
Thurs & Fri AM



Bernie - Deputy  
PFA  
Mon - Wed &  
Fri PM



Bernisi - Deputy.  
DSL  
Tues, Thurs & Fri



Louise  
DSL  
PFA



Megan  
PFA  
Tues & Wed



Manuella  
(Manu)  
PFA  
Mon, Thurs & Fri



Karen  
Volunteer



Daisy  
Volunteer



Annabelle  
DSL  
PFA  
Mon, Wed & Thurs



Suzy - SENDCo  
PFA  
Mon, Tues & Fri



Jolanta  
PFA  
Wed - Fri

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PFA- Paediatric First Aid  
DSL - Safeguarding Lead

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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 Ballet & Tap Classes for all (and no) abilities. So much fun!

## Lizi McGarvey

Highly Specialised Speech and Language Therapist

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### Communication disorders arising from:

**STROKE HEAD INJURY BRAIN TUMOUR  
PARKINSON'S DISEASE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS  
MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE**

As well as: **PAEDIATRIC PHONOLOGICAL  
and ARTICULATION DIFFICULTIES**

For further information please contact me  
or visit the website: [lizimcgarvey.co.uk](http://lizimcgarvey.co.uk)



Debbie one of our regular childminders has vacancies.  
If you are looking for a childminder or you know  
someone who is, contact Debbie now on

**07743 072832**

Rameh also has spaces you can contact her on **07583 193677**

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## Is your child starting school in September 2020?

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **04 November 2019** and **15 January 2020**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.


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