

The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S PARENT and CARER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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School Lunch

The School is not open on Friday and therefore no kitchen!

If your child attends Friday school day session they will need a packed lunch on Friday.

Please read the information about the future of lunch on page 5.

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?



Happy Birthday
Daniel Ward
3 Years
Our Karen
A little bit older than 3

Dates to remember:

2019- 2020

Wed 4 September - Tues 17 Dec (**Half Term 28 Oct - 1 Nov 1 Week. WE ARE NOT OPEN**)

Friday 25 October - School Kitchen closed bring a packed lunch

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)

Friday 14 February - School Kitchen closed bring a packed lunch

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

Well our "heap" of lost property is growing.

Please, Please, Please come and take a look at the items left behind.
Anything left during the half term will be donated to a local charity shop.

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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



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 before afternoon pick up 2:30**, 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

21/10/2019 to 27/10/2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
main			
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Minced Beef Pastry Topped Pie	Roast Gammon Gravy	Beef Burger High Fibre Bun
Summer Salad	Gravy	Pineapple Slice	Sweetcorn
	Mashed Potato	Roast Potatoes	Tomato Ketchup
	Fresh Shredded Cabbage	Broccoli Florets	
vegetarian			
Boston Beans	Quorn & Butternut Squash Curry	Cauliflower Cheese	Butternut Squash
Jacket Potato	White Rice	Carrot Batons	Quorn Burger
Peas	Sweetcorn		Coleslaw
dessert			
Iced Sponge	Yoghurt Pots	Jelly	Vanilla Smoothie
Yoghurt Pots	Primary Fruit Option	Fresh Fruit	Watermelon
Primary Fruit Option		Crème Fraiche	Yoghurt Pots
		Yoghurt Pots	Primary Fruit Option
		Primary Fruit Option	

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 have consulted with parents whose children currently attend school days and they have overwhelmingly agreed to pay for their children's school lunch. I am grateful to all the parents for their responses and for the very positive feedback. Thank you. Your future invoice will include the cost of the school meal for sessions you have booked from half term onwards.

If your child does not currently attend a school day but you are considering it for the future please be aware that the additional cost of lunch is £2.30

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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Update of major gas works: West Street, Epsom

I just wanted to provide you with a brief update about our work on West Street, Epsom. We started our project as planned on **Monday 14 October** and still expect it to last approximately **3 weeks**.

However, as you may be aware, West Street has currently been closed in both directions under the railway bridge. This is due to a water leak and is completely unrelated to our works. Thames Water are onsite to repair their network and hopefully will have the road re-opened again soon.

As previously mentioned our engineers will be working in two phases as follows:

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

- We began our project on West Hill on Monday 14 October and expect this to last 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.

Should Thames Water's repairs still be ongoing when we come to start phase two we may have to revise our plan. If that happens I will provide a further update.

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>

Information about the water leak can be found on Thames Water's website here:

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help-and-advice/issue?id=L37> 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



The doctor's dressing up and playset came out this week.

The children really got into role pretending to be the doctor or the patient. Thankfully all illnesses, breakages etc were correctly diagnosed and treated by our team of doctors.



We also had a lot of time to practice using scissors. Cutting playdough is quite easy to cut through, the herbs growing in the garden were also easy to cut.

You can see the very many ways of holding scissors, so before you can snip you have to have the scissors in a comfortable grip. It all comes with lots of practice.



I just could not resist adding the above photo. The children lined their cars up and raced them down the path. I love watching play like this as the children learn to negotiate with each other, take turns and enjoy being



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If you read the plan last week you may have noticed the empty room activity. Well this is how it worked. We covered over all the everyday toys, laid out big sheets of paper, left out pens and scissor. On the floor we placed some long (and heavy) cardboard tubes. On the wall we projected a spaceman and in the air we played some "interesting" music. We left the rest to the children's imagination.

The completed a space walk around the room, joined together to lift and move the tubes and added the blocks to their play.

I hope some of the children have remembered to tell you about their magical morning.

If you would like to see more why not join us a volunteer during a session.

Speak to Louise to arrange a time.

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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 21st October 2019

Early Years Foundation Stage - Weekly plan

Next Steps: PSED: Turn taking and sharing toys, learning each other's names. Getting to know & understand the nursery routines. UW: Diwali and Halloween. PD: Hammer a pumpkin, Stretch Armstrong. Fine motor skills - lids & tongs, scissor work. EAD: Vets dressing up, Diwali lamps, still life. Maths: Shapes, matching.

Atlantic room, Pacific room & outdoors.									
AREA	Creative Workshop	Sand & Water	Construction & technical/ Malleable & tactile	Small world & imaginative	Mathematics	Exploration & investigation	Mark making	FKYs	
MON	Diwali lamps	Frozen hands	Changing batteries with screwdrivers Popoids	Noah's Ark	Dot to dot - drawing shapes	Ghost Hunt - Can you find the ghosts?	Draw a face on a pumpkin - What will your one look like?	Names - learning each other's names - rolling the ball game	
TUE	Diwali lamps	Searching for spiders in the sand - How many can you find?	Cheerios & spaghetti with Suzy	Fire engines	Matching cards - Can you find two that are the same?	Sorting moon rocks with Megan - same or different?	Spiders - paper plates & scissors	Names - learning each other's names - rolling the ball game	
WED	Still Life Pumpkin painting	Tongs & lids in water - Can you pick up the lids using only the tongs?	Stretch Armstrong Stickle Bricks	Vets & pets - Can we help the pets feel better?	Dot to dot - drawing shapes	Halloween slime! - What does it feel like?	Paper plates	Names - learning each other's names - rolling the ball game	
THUR	Diwali lamps	Pumpkin pots in sand	Duplo Magnetic construction	Vets & pets - Can we help the pets feel better?	Car parking outside - Can you find your parking space?	Ghost hunt - Can you find the ghosts?	Cutting out long green rectangles	Names - learning each other's names - rolling the ball game	
FRI	Diwali lamps	Pumpkin pots in water	Lego K'nex	Farm	Counting teddies 1-5 with Jolanta	Things that float, things that sink - Can you tell what will happen?	Hammer a pumpkin - Use those muscles!	Names - learning each other's names - rolling the ball game	
Outdoor physical activities this week:					Children's requests:		Makaton signs of the week:		
Tykes cars, climbing frame, crates, slides, see saws, trampoline, hula hoops, tyres & planks. Sponges on shoes for a moon walk.							Good morning & thank you		
Shapes of the week: (FKY/Pre-sch)			Books of the week:			Nursery rhyme:		Words of the week:	
			Revise all previous shapes			FKYs: Brown Bear Pre-schoolers: Winnie's Amazing Pumpkin		Little Bo Peep	Like/dislike

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

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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 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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