

The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S  
PARENT and CARER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Nurturing Your Child Through Play



Naomi (Jemimah's mum) would like to set up a Whatsapp group for parents of children attending Kindiejoes. It will be a great way to organise social events or remind each other about happenings at preschool such as coffee mornings!

Please Call or text Naomi on

07773 346604

If you organise a night out let me know. I might just pop along!

### 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?



Don't forget to put your clock's back this weekend.

**It is half Term This Week - We will not be open.**

**Enjoy the holiday**

#### Dates to remember:

2019- 2020

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

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](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 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

4/11/2019 to 8/11/2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN COURSE</b>	BBQ chicken fillet with not so spicy rice	Beef enchilada with garlic bread	Classic roast pork with apple sauce, stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	✓ Veggie quarter pounder served with potato wedges	Breaded fish fillet with home (non fried) fries
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	✓ Quorn & seashell pasta pesto	✓ Red dragon pie	✓ Squash-age roll with roast potatoes & Gravy	✓ Margherita mac 'n' cheese	✓ Veggie hotdog with home (non fried) fries
<b>SIDES</b>	Help yourself salad bar	Sweetcorn & peas	Winter greens (cabbage) & carrot batons	As much as you can eat veg bar (caterer's choice)	Baked beans & fresh carrot slaw
<b>THIRD CHOICE</b> (served with vegetable sticks or salad bar selection)	✓ Tomato soup with homemade croutons	✓ French bread margherita pizza	Roast in a roll with apple sauce & stuffing	✓ Southern style wrap with crispy lettuce & lemon mayo	Pepperoni pasta pot
<b>DESSERT</b>	✓ Watermelon sails*	✓ Fruit yoghurt selection	✓ Oaty orange finger †	✓ Fresh fruit salad*	✓ Chocolate & beetroot muffin with crème fraiche

### 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 each 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



This week the children had the opportunity to explore pumpkins. They had a go at carving a face and enjoyed seeing the finished face lit up with candles inside.

They were fascinated to find that there were so many seeds inside. Too many to count!

Later in the week we got the tools out and had a go at banging nails into them.

Who knew pumpkins could be such fun!



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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/>



### Things to Do during Half Term

Wisley is one of my favourite places to visit. This time of year you can really enjoy all the colours nature can throw at you. This weekend there is Birds of Prey display at 11:00 and 2:00. Worth going to see.

Chessington Garden Centre has a Trick or Treat Maze you do need to book tickets.

Godstone Farm has some Halloween activities take a look at their website for more details

<https://godstonefarm.co.uk/news/events>

If the weather is not too good why not visit the library. All your children enjoy books being read to them and there are so many to read in the library.

Children will enjoy a simple ride on a bus or a train. Why not get on at Epsom and get off at Ashted or Ewell and get the bus back. On the journey there is so much to talk about. We have been working hard on teaching the children the names of shapes, perhaps on the journey you could look out for shapes.

Print out a photo of your child and cut it into 4 strips. Let your child put it together in whatever order they want and make an alien! If you feel brave enough try it with a photograph of you!

Play a KIMs game. Place 3 items on a tray or plate (for example toy car, toy train, spoon) get your child to name and identify the objects. Cover them up and without them looking, take one item away. Can you child name what is missing. This game will help build your child's memory and you can build up the number of objects as they become better at remembering.

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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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