

The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S
PARENT and CARER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Week Commencing 25 November 2019 Week 11 of 38
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Have a lovey evening out tonight. If you have not already confirmed with Naomi you can contact her on

07773 346604



Now the Mums have organised their social how about the Dads?

Photographer

Caroline has very kindly agreed to come back and do a second shoot she will be here on Wednesday from 9:00.



Happy Birthday
Manuela (special
birthday)
Liam (I am not going to
let on how old he is!)

Dates to remember:

2019- 2020

Wed 4 September - Tues 17 Dec

Friday 22 November - The Haywain

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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Invoicing:

- 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 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.

Staff News

Manuela has started her apprenticeship and will qualify within the next 18 months. During this time she will have to lead activities, write evaluations, observations and develop her interactions with staff and parents.

Good Luck Manuela, we are all behind you.



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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.



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!

Uniform



Can be ordered from

www.myclothing.com

We do a lot of messy activities and wearing the uniform saves your home clothes.

I have been very impressed with the rucksack too.



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School Application

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

You need to make your application to school by 15 January 2020. I would suggest that you complete your online application before Christmas if you can. Information about applications have been on previous newsletters which you can see on our website or please speak to Louise.

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.

Our First Nativity

The children have started to learn the songs and some have even tried on their costumes.

The production take place on **Monday 16 December** In **St Joseph's Church**.

We would invite you all to bring your children to the Church for **11:15**. We are starting a little bit later because Pooh Corner are having their Christmas party.



You will be able to park in the Church car park for the performance.



The First Nativity should last about 30 minutes.

We will be providing most of the costumes, anything you may have to provide should be simple wardrobe items. Please do not worry.

The preschool children will have a stand up part and these we allocate by age and order of appearance. If you know that your child will not be able to attend could you tell us now so that we can make amendments to our script.

We do ask you to sit back and enjoy the performance and not to take photographs or video during the performance. If any of you would like to video it for us please let me know.

After the performance we will come back to the nursery for the party.

There will no normal session on the day.



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Information if your child is having Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
✓ 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
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
✓ 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
✓ 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.

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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This Week

The children have had a really busy week.

We were able to play outside everyday and even better we got the A-Frame out to challenge the children with their climbing skills.



Manuela's assessor came in to observe Manuela leading an activity to support the children understanding emotions. The children looked in the mirror and then drew their faces. This rolled on throughout the week. I have seen lots of beautifully drawn pictures of people this week.



Hmmmm. I am not sure what this little group are planning but don't they look comfortable deep in conversation.



This activity was planned to support the children's motor skills, using the whisk to make bubbles and to introduce some scientific thinking. Water changes when you agitate it.

But the children brought it back to the earlier emotion theme - looking happy with a beard!



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A bit of a spoiler here. One of the Christmas crafts in sequence. I am not going to do too much explanation except to say the children should so much focus and attention to this activity and we have some rather splendid decorations for your tree.



These are 2 of my fav photos this week. The 3 girls dressed up and enjoying each other's company.

I arrived during this planting activity and the enthusiasm and the knowledge the children had picked up was amazing.



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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/>



Sadly Annabelle who puts our plan together is unwell. Sorry Annabelle, I have taken over this week.

These are a some of the activities we have planned for next week.

Suzy wants to play some **Ready, Steady, Go** games to encourage **turn taking and sharing**.

Manuela wants to introduce some **pipecleaner crafts** to support **fine motor skills** with the children.

Caroline has reminded us all of the many **Christmas makes**. This will give us the opportunity **to introduce the Christmas story** to the children and we can use these activities to support and introduce **counting, shapes and sounds**.

Bernie is going to help the children **"write"** their **letter to Santa** using pictures from catalogues.

Megan is introducing the children to **mathematical thinking** of using **repeating patterns using the lacing beads**. This also is to support their **fine motor skills**.

Jolanta wants to encourage **talk about big and small** and she is using the **Big and small Jenga** to build with.

Bernisi wants to **play in the sand and build sandcastle**. She is going to encourage the children to **problem solve whether dry sand or wet sand** makes the best castle.

Suzy's favourite story "Wonkey Donkey" is the book of the week. This book helps children to remember new vocabulary. Our Makaton sign is star. If you want to learn some Makaton signs take a look at this link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDRTDS1C2aE>.

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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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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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