



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



Naomi has organised another night out.
 Thursday 19 December. If you would like to
 know more please message Naomi on

07773 346604

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



Happy Birthday
Bernisi
Just before Christmas
Megan
Just after Christmas

Party

Thank you Naomi for organising food for the party
 and thank you all for your offers of food.

After the performance we will release the children
 into your care and you will be able to walk them to
 Kindiejobs. The children will probably want a bit
 of a runaround before settling down to eat (and it
 gives us some time to get the party room ready).

The party should draw to a close about 1:30.

We Close on Tuesday 17 December
 and return on Wednesday 8
 January.

Have a lovely Christmas.



If your child has sickness or
 diarrhoea they will have to stay away
 for 48 hours from the last bout. This
 helps everyone else stay healthy.

Dates to remember:

2019- 2020

Wed 4 September - Tues 17 Dec Last Day!

Thursday 19 December - Mum's night out The Haywain

Monday 16 December 11:15 - Our Nativity performance & Christmas party for all the children

Wed 8 Jan -Fri 3 April (17 Feb - 21 Feb, Half Term We are closed 1 Week)

Friday 14 February - School Kitchen closed bring a packed lunch

Mon 20 Apr - Tues 21 Jul (25 May - 29 May, Half Term We are closed 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.

What to Wear

The children are becoming amazingly independent. Most of them can now put on their coats if you did not know this ask them to show you.

It does help if they have clothes that they can manage by themselves. When you dress them check if they can roll up their sleeves. Some cuffs can be too tight. If your child is toilet trained they need clothes they can remove themselves easily. Those lovely body suits with poppers are often tricky for children when they want to use the toilet or when we are trying to encourage an interest in using the toilet.

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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

Week Commencing 6 January 2019

WEDNESDAY	Yorkshire pud filled with British beef & gravy with roast potatoes	✓
	Roasted vegetable filled Yorkshire pud with roast potatoes & gravy	✓
	Hot roast beef loaded bun	✓
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables DESSERT: Fruit yoghurt selection	✓ ✓
THURSDAY	Oven baked fish fingers & fries	✓
	Seashell pasta bake	✓
	Loaded potato boats with cheddar cheese & ham	✓
	SIDE: Baked beans & garden peas DESSERT: Fresh fruit selection*	✓ ✓
FRIDAY	Lincolnshire pork sausages with mashed potato & gravy	✓
	Veggie sausage roll with mashed potato & gravy	✓
	Cheese & red pepper panini	✓
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables DESSERT: Twelve15 chocolate & orange biscuit with a glass of milk	✓ ✓



Important Information about the Future of School Lunches

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 to information about school meals:

<http://twelve15.mysaffronportal.com/Menu>

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This Week



The Christmas Activities continued this week. The stamps came out and the children had to keep a steady hand to produce some lovely pictures.



Did your children come home wet this week? Did you wonder why?

I loved this game! The children had ladles and large spoons. They had to remove the balls from the water tray and very carefully get them into the bowls on the floor.

Not quite in the league of a Bush Tucker Trial but skill and confidence is required!

Did you wonder how eggs and nests could mathematical development? Well this the game. Some of our children have rather good counting skills so we are moving them on to being able to match quantities.

You can easily do this at home with written numbers and cups, spoons, towels, socks. The list is endless.

If you do give it a go, add some photos to Family so that we can see.



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Just a reminder that it did not rain all week!

I set you a challenge. Look carefully at this photo. Can you see the different ways the children are using their bodies to develop their physical skills.

Amazing!

Even more amazing is how they are all sitting and focussing the story being read.

This requires bodies that are ready to keep still and it comes with practice.



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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.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/what-to-expect-when-1.pdf/>



Things to do during the Holidays:

Priory Park in Reigate has a fantastic enclosed playground with a giant pirates ship in the huge sand area, swings, slides etc and a cafe! And there is currently an ice skating rink there until 4th January.

Chessington Garden Centre - Free, look at the animals! Have a bite to eat. And ofcourse the plants!

You may have spotted the nutcracker toys dotted around Epsom. If you would like to hear the music I see that there is a production on 21 December. It is a bit later in the day 16:00 to 18:00 <https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/visitors/whats-on/event/nutcracker-christmas-concert>

Tuesday 24 December 15:00 St Joseph's Church is the Children's Christmas Mass.

Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park can be a bit of a costly day out but still a nice thing to do.

Epsom Playhouse - Peter Pan pantomime 14 December - 5 January. Lots of songs and laughter.

Odeon Epsom have kids showing at 9:50

Get a train into London to see the Christmas lights. Carnaby Street I hear has the most amazing show this year.

Tuesday 24 December you can track Santa <https://www.noradsanta.org/>. This kept my father amused for the day!

If you are going to the park and want company message me on Family and I will put the message out to all parents and maybe someone else will come along too.

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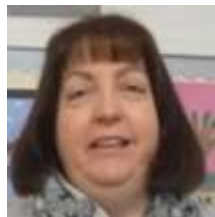
2018 -2019 Staff Team



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



Bernie - Deputy
PFA
Mon - Wed &
Fri PM



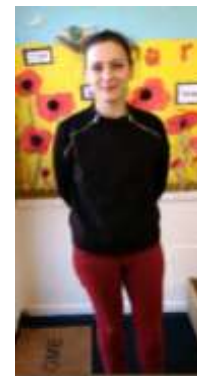
Bernisi - Deputy.
DSL
Tues, Thurs & Fri



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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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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