



# Friday Update



5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Challenging Times – Again!

**We know that life is very different at the moment with all of us trying to follow the government instructions of Staying Indoors to help our NHS and ourselves.**

### **School is only open for Vulnerable Children and those of Critical/Key Workers:**

There has been a great demand for places in school and we have to categorise children according to CAST guidelines. We will be reviewing the numbers for after half term. In some cases, we may have to give places to children in higher categories which means that some of the current children who are on the lower categories will have to lose days. You will be informed by Monday of next week. **If you really do not need all of the days you currently have, please inform the school by Monday.** Thank you

### **Class Dojo and Live Sessions**

Thank you for continuing to support the children not in school with **Class Dojo**, it was lovely to see so many of you joining in with the **Live Sessions**. These will be regular events for every class with times on the class timetable. If you had any problems joining the session, please phone the office.

Don't forget to try Miss Cadby's weekly fitness sessions with the children and Mrs. Cook's new song which is uploaded every Thursday.

### **Tapestry – Hedgehogs only**

To gain access to the Live Sessions using Tapestry you have to open the Tapestry App or login to Tapestry via the web browser. On the first view, observations, there will be an observation posted called 'Live Google Meet Story' which will be added to the journal the night before. When you click on the observation there is a time/date and a link inside the post which when you click will take you to the google meeting.

### **School Holidays**

Just a reminder that our Half Term Holiday is coming up soon. School is closed to all pupils from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February inclusive**. School reopens for vulnerable children and those of critical workers on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

A copy of the holidays for the next academic year (September 2021 to August 2022) is available on the school website

### **Covid Testing**

We have been very lucky in school so far by all being vigilant and following the government guidelines. We just wanted to remind you that if a member of the family is being tested because they have symptoms, please do not send the children to school until you have received the results of the test. If they are positive, please inform the school straight away and self-isolate as a family at home. Thank you

### **School Website**

Don't forget to visit the school website. The front page gives you information on home learning and has a weekly liturgy and prayers for the family.

## Community News

**Change4Life** have sent us some lovely lunch ideas. Here is the link, it really is worth a look, I know I will be trying some of the ideas.

<http://click.email.edenred.co.uk/?qs=cb00fef9d0534ae2ce9e11c0558a613c105f3769cac3ae523b892ef86730a1549ed11eab8ac6468265fe82e670fe530e59ce0ee8da9643da>

### **Stay Awake – Save the Date – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

We have received this information from the Stay Awake Team inviting all of you to join them for the third Stay Awake which is a Dorset Deanery home grown event. It will run again this year only it will be online. Booking is open via the webpage: see [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com) for more info and to receive the Zoom link for entry. It is an **all age** event via Zoom, running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm with inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! Includes a session for kids from 13:00 – 13:30 (Reception – Yr 9). Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event!

Check out the new Facebook and Instagram Pages – be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links below and we look forward to seeing you online!:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/>

Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

Email: [stayawakejc19@gmail.com](mailto:stayawakejc19@gmail.com)

### **Our School Community**

If you have any questions or concerns during these challenging times, don't forget to contact the school, either by phone (01202 741932) by e-mail ([stjosephs@sjcp.co.uk](mailto:stjosephs@sjcp.co.uk)) or by using the texting system. We are here to help you.

The numbers locally have started to fall but our hospitals are still struggling with numbers. This is a CAFOD prayer for all those who are affected by Coronavirus and those who care for them. Let us keep them all in our prayers and try to protect the NHS and each other by continuing to stay at home.

Lord Jesus,  
when you walked with us on earth, you spread your healing power.  
We place in your loving care all who are affected by Coronavirus.  
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.  
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,  
protect those who care for us.  
We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy,  
as we wait for the daybreak.

AMEN

*Safeguarding is a priority at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers  
Mr. McDermott, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Hodson and Mrs. Hardwick.*