

# St Joseph's Journal

22ND MAY 2020

## Coronavirus Update: School will not open to wider pupils on June 1<sup>st</sup>.



In light of the recent advice from Calderdale Local Authority and after discussions with the Governing Body and the CEO of Romero Catholic Academy Trust, we have made the decision to defer the wider reopening of school at this time. **Our school is not opening to more pupils on June 1<sup>st</sup>.** This decision will be reviewed at regular intervals as both scientific evidence, Government and Local Authority advice continues to be provided.

Copies of a letter to all parents from the school and Calderdale Local Authority can now be found on the school website.

I am sure many parents will be relieved at this announcement, whilst others will be frustrated. The safety and well-being of our pupils and staff will always be central to any decisions that our school makes and we thank you for your understanding in this matter.

In the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other children.

## New School Uniform for September 2020

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to the consultation for our new school uniform. Every single form returned was read and results were collated for Governors' consideration. From September 2020 the new uniform for children from Reception Class to Year 6 will be as follows:

A Navy v-neck jumper to include the school logo

A white shirt and tie (Tie design to be confirmed)

Grey trousers or skirt

Black shoes

### PE Kit:

Navy shorts/Navy Leggings (both available with logo options)

Plain white TShirt (available with logo option)

Optional: Hoodie with school logo

I am confident this smart appearance supports the reputation we wish to portray of St Joseph's RC Academy. Thanks to your voice and support of this initiative, our pupils will stand out in the community of Todmorden and I hope St Joseph's pupils will be proud to wear this uniform for many years to come. There are some finer details to follow and these will be published as soon as they become available. Now that these essential decisions have been made, the next step is to receive samples from suppliers and agree on quality and price. Watch this space!

## Ascension of the Lord

Thursday marked the feast day of the Ascension of the Lord when we remember Jesus returning to Heaven after His Resurrection. This year, Pope Francis has encouraged us to be generous witnesses of Jesus, knowing that He is always with us to sustain us. Pope Francis encourages us to continue to pray the Rosary in May, the Month of Mary, highlighting how we can learn from Our Lady on how to be generous witnesses to the love of Jesus. Pope Francis finished by praying that the Risen Jesus, with the power of His Holy Spirit, may make us "bearers of joy, and strengthen in us the hope and the certainty that love is stronger than death and that it always triumphs."

## Message from Bishop John for all school pupils

Please watch this short video for Laudato Si' week in which Bishop John asks school pupils to become the teachers at home. He invites them to tell their parents about what they've learnt about Laudato Si' in school and to find ways of caring for our common home in the household.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cA9uEYE5EDM&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cA9uEYE5EDM&feature=emb_title)





# HOME LEARNING

What has everyone been up to this week?

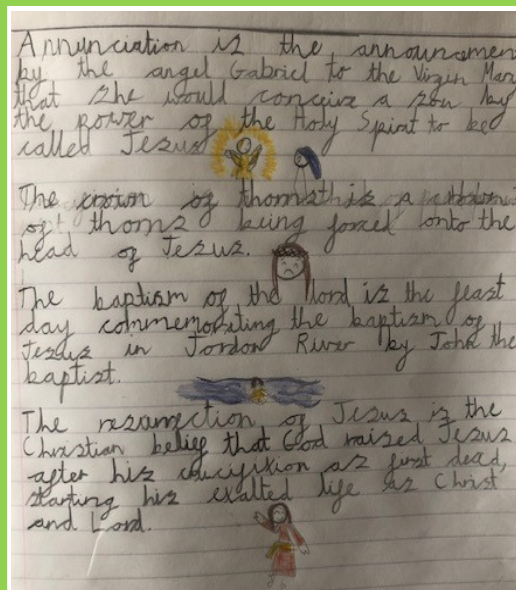
Check your class page on the website... [www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk](http://www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk)



**Please email any activities you have been completing to the class email address.**



Florrie from Oak Class has created a beautiful piece of art of Mary for the month of May.



Nancy from Elm class written a beautiful piece for her RE work this week

## Class Email Contacts for Home Learning Help

If you have any queries about your child's home learning during our school closure please use the email address for your child's class

ACORNS@stjosephs.romerocat.com

BEECH@stjosephs.romerocat.com

CEDAR@stjosephs.romerocat.com

ELM@stjosephs.romerocat.com

LARCH@stjosephs.romerocat.com

OAK@stjosephs.romerocat.com

**Teachers will respond between 10am and 2pm  
Monday to Friday.**

## LEARNING MORE EVERY DAY

Have you been accessing the weekly class learning sheets?

They are available on our school website under the class tabs: <https://www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk>

This is where you will find the work set by your child's class teacher - it is specific to our school and your child's year group so is the best place to start each week's learning.

Here are many more recommended sites if you want to do even more!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

**TIMEOUT**  
FIND YOUR THING  
**LISTENING LINE**  
**01422 345154**

Support and advice for 10-19 year olds

Struggling with lockdown, missing your friends, worried about school, or just want to talk to someone?

We'll listen...

Wednesdays 1- 4pm

Calderdale Council

Open Minds



Family Resources

COVID-19 HEALTH & WELLBEING

Healthy Futures Calderdale



<https://thebasementproject.org.uk/articles/health-and-wellbeing-resources-for-families-covid-19/>