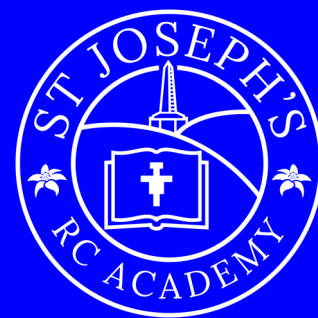


St Joseph's Journal

11TH SEPTEMBER 2020



Measures to Minimise Coronavirus Risks

Everyone working together will continue to minimise risks for our children and each other. We are very grateful to you all for continuing to:

- Only arrive at the correct start and pick up times;
- Only have one adult bringing your child/ren to school;
- Following the one way system (Including using the correct entrance);
- Socially distancing from other families on the way to and at school;
- Ensuring children only bring essential items to school with them;
- Make virtual or telephone appointments to speak with staff wherever possible;
- Remain 2m away where possible and wear a face mask (unless exempt) when approaching a member of staff to pass on an essential, time sensitive message;

Leave the school site as soon as possible after drop off and collection is complete.

School Uniform:

There are only a few families now who are not adhering to our new uniform and I urge you to speak with the office if you are experiencing any difficulties in purchasing the items required. We are so grateful for all the support you have given to providing the new uniform, chosen by you, our parents and would like every child to feel fully included in this new chapter.



Welcome Mass

The children enjoyed seeing Father Peter again, even if this was only virtually, as he welcomed them back to school and the start of new term in our Welcome Mass.



Father stressed to the children the importance of following the rules to keep us all safe but added that he knew they were all very good at that at Saint Joseph's! We are looking forward to seeing him again soon.

The Season of Creation



The pupil chaplains recorded a beautiful assembly teaching the children about the Season of Creation explaining how they hoped to develop our understanding in the coming month. Within the assembly, the pupil chaplains used a short video clip from the BBC that explained climate change. It is called 'Our Planet Matters: Climate change explained' if you would like to look at it together as a family.

GB Athlete in School

Our pupils have had the privilege of spending some time with Max Wharton, a GB Athlete, this week as he visited the school to inspire and educate our children about their aspirations after lock down and consider the choices they can make to build a healthy life style. The children both young and old have loved listening to Max's career to date, starting with competitions in Calderdale that our children are also invited to. They especially enjoyed watching clips showing the races Max was in that were televised in last weekend's Muller British Athletics Championships. Thank you Max, you have inspired so many of our children more than you realise.



MILES FOR MACMILLAN

Combining our Fundraising and our Fitness

In place of the Macmillan Coffee Morning that we usually hold each year, due to the restrictions with social gatherings, school have found an alternative way to raise money for this worthy cause. This year, each bubble will swap their sticky buns for steps and stride out for Macmillan. We will calculate the number of steps each bubble achieves by walking or running on Friday 25th September. Instead of supporting us in the usual way, this year, we simply ask that you pay £1 for your child to take part and if you are able to gain some additional sponsorship from your family and friends, this would be greatly appreciated. All money will go to Macmillan. A separate letter and sponsor form will be sent out shortly.

Swimming

Unfortunately swimming lessons have been postponed until further notice.

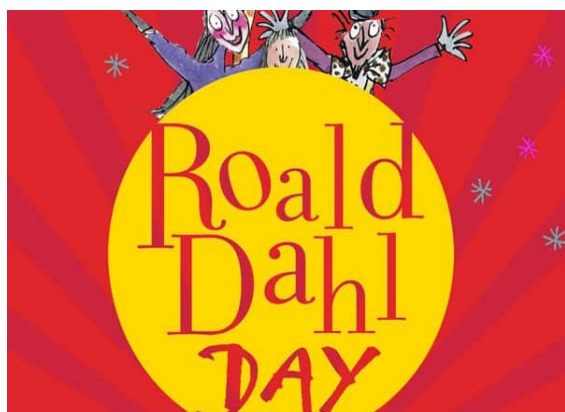


Extra Curricular Clubs

Coming soon... watch this space...

Story Club, Running, Chess, Gardening, Art, Homework...

Have you got any complete unused chess or chequers sets that you would be willing to donate to school so that we can start a club for our children? We will quarantine any donations before the club starts. Thank you!



September is Roald Dahl's birth month and this year on Sunday 13th is marked as Roald Dahl Story Day. If Roald Dahl were alive today, he'd be 103 this year. That's a ripe old age, much older than Grandpa Joe, who was only ninety-six and a half.

Did you know that before he became an author he was a spy, an ace fighter pilot, a chocolate historian and a medical inventor. He remains for many the world's No.1 story teller. If you've never read a Roald Dahl book before then why not make it your mission to explore his fantastically wonderful collection, you can even listen to celebrities read his books online.