

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **R.E.A.C.H** through Faith, Hope, Love

Thursday 11th June 2020

We have now moved into a new phase here at St Joseph's where we are providing education for children at home as well as for children here at school. Whilst the anticipation and preparation for the re-opening to a wider group of pupils was challenging, the reality has been very positive. Thank you to all parents and carers—your support with this has been very welcome and following the road map stringently, has meant that drop off and collection has been a great success. Equally, a great thank you to the team here at St Joseph's for ensuring that the school, inside and outside, was fit for purpose, with the safety and well being of our staff and children at the core. As you are aware, we have gone back to parents/carers of children from YR, Y1 and Y6 who are not currently in school, to invite them back as per government guidelines. We will review this again at the end of June. At this point, we do not have any plans to offer places to other year groups as this would compromise the safety for all involved. However, I would like to sign post you to the school web-site so that you can see the 'St Joseph's Road Map' which clearly outlines the return to school.

## From the children!



YR

Edward has enjoyed eating his lunch outside. Kian has enjoyed rolling the hula hoop to Mrs Barron at playtime.

Y1 Bubble A

Olivia: I am feeling happy because we made play dough and made some interesting bacteria.

Nia: I have really liked playing with my friends even if we can't touch each other.

Grace: I enjoyed making folding books because it was fun being the author and the illustrator.

Isla C: It has been fun doing experiments where we use our hands.

Bertie: I liked making rockets because we watched the space launch and learnt about the different parts as we made it.

Henry: Excited, the best part has been seeing my friends again.

Y1 Bubble B

**Nicholas:** We've been learning about a boy called Ruben from Bolivia. He grows vegetables for his family to eat. I feel excited about being back at school!

**Maya:** We've been talking about Ruben and making a magazine about him. He lives in Bolivia with his family. His favourite food is lettuce. I feel good because I like school. My favourite thing is Maths.

Y6 Bubble A

**Ayla:** Since being back in school, we have made puppets of people we admire in History, had lots of discussions in PSHE and created a sculpture trail from clay. My favourite activities have been our outdoor learning sessions where we have used natural resources from the school grounds. I have really enjoyed being back with my friends in school... our team A bubble has felt like a private girls' school. I am really looking forward to getting our leavers hoodies soon!

**Emilia:** In school, we have created a sculpture trail. My animal was a frog called 'Floppy' climbing up a log. Each morning, we have Maths and then after break we have PSHE lessons that focus on topics like mental health and how events can affect people's mental health. We also learnt about the Black Lives Matter protests this week. My favourite thing about being back at school has been seeing my friends, it's felt like back to normal seeing them each day! We have started to discuss our transition in September - I am looking forward to starting secondary school but I am feeling a little bit nervous as well.

Y6 Bubble B

**Prudence:** Being back at school has been such good fun! I have loved being able to make my own dreamcatcher, see all of my friends and I've also loved my PSHE lessons!

**Freddie S:** I've really enjoyed the calm and peaceful atmosphere at school; this environment has allowed me to really concentrate on my work. One of my favourite pieces of work this week has been creating our own clay sculptures and sketching them!

Key workers—  
Special Bubble

**Millie** has enjoyed art afternoons in her bubble and has drawn pictures of dolphins, horses, deers and dinosaurs. Millie has also really enjoyed our break times and lunch times on the field in the sunshine!

**Emily** - has really enjoyed doing lots of drawings and improving her art skills through making a poster about handwashing. Emily likes being in a smaller class and spending time with children from other year groups.

Well done!

# Mindfulness

## 1 "JUST ONE BREATH" BREATHING ACTIVITY

- Find a relaxing place, sit comfortably, and set a timer for one minute.
- Breathe deeply in and out while paying attention to any sensations you notice or sounds you hear.
- Take another slow deep breath, imagine the air moving down into the lungs and back up.
- Take one more deep breath and hold for a moment, then release it.



'Let us pray for peace, and let us bring it about, starting in our own homes!'

Pope Francis, January 16, 2014, via Twitter



## Did you solve the riddle?

What will stop water running down a hill? *When it reaches the bottom*

*If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you no longer have me.*

*What am I? A secret*



## PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT  
OF YOUR PEACE;  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;  
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;  
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

O DIVINE MASTER,  
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK  
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE;  
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND;  
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.  
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE;  
IT IS IN PARDONING  
THAT WE ARE PARDONED;  
AND IT IS IN DYING  
THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.

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This is my last term as Headteacher here at St Joseph's after joining in April 2011. The time has really flown by and I have so many fond memories. I have great empathy with our Y6 children who are also leaving. This term would have been full of enriched experiences and more memories for them to take with them. That said, St Josephs is so unique in so many ways. I am most proud of Our REACH curriculum, which is like no other and this has continued to go from strength to strength. I will take so many lovely memories with me and I know that Y6 will do as well! Stay safe. Stay Well and take care.

From

Mrs D'Arcy & all staff at St Joseph's!

