

The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S PARENT and CARER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Happy Birthday
Jackson Ribeyro 4 Years

Noah Mann 3 years

Louise - not telling how many
years but quite a lot!

Welcome

Leo and his family joining us this
week.

School Application

If your child was born between 1 September 2016
and 31 August 2017 read on.

School applications will begin in November. I do not
want to overload you with information right now but
some parents have been asking. What you can do
now is to find out where the schools in the area are
and check their websites for open days. Some
schools ask you to book these in advance. This year
things could be different.

In a few weeks time I will add some more
information about the application process.

Collecting Children at 15:10

In order to allow the children and the parents of the school clear access when leaving I would like to ask
your cooperation with the following.

If you are collecting an older child from St Joseph's school could I ask that after collecting your child from
the school please wait in the car park near the D2D club hut until 3:00 or until most of the other parents and
children have cleared the area. You will then find more space along the footpath and to help you keep your
social distance, this weekend I will be marking 2 metre distances. From the path you will be able to see when
I open the door to allow children to leave.

If you do not have older children to collect could I ask that you arrive after 3:00. I will open the blue gate
as soon as it safe to and you will be able to wait on the paved area. I do ask that while you are waiting,
please do not wave to your child or distract them from our last few minutes and remember your **social
distance**.

Face Coverings

The school policy is that any adult entering the site
must wear a face covering. As we are on the school
site I think this includes us!

Please could I ask you all to respect the school's rules.



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Surrey County Council have produced a leaflet about the application process and this will be coming to you this week. For now this is some brief information to get you started. From 2 November you will be able to go online and make an application for the primary school of your choice. For some schools you will need to complete an additional supplementary form. You will find this information on the school's website.

The schools in the area that most of the children will apply to are:

St Joseph's - <http://www.stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk/>

St Martin's - <http://www.stmartins-junior.surrey.sch.uk/>

Stamford Green - <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/>

Epsom Primary - <https://www.epsomprimaryschool.co.uk/primary-school>

Wallace Fields - <http://www.wallacefieldsinfantschool.co.uk/admissions>

There are boundaries or catchment areas for all the schools and differing criteria for entrance, so sadly just because you like the school it may not necessarily be enough to gain you a place. Please take time to call the school or look at their website. All the schools are in the process of organising tours or virtual tours, I would advise looking at the schools' website for information. St Joseph's for example has a YouTube tour and Epsom Primary has video. Tours are a valuable way of finding out for yourself if your child is going to feel happy in the school.

You do have up until 15 January to get your applications completed and the online admissions will allow you to nominate up to four schools. A little tip; when you do start your application form make sure you have your Council Tax number with you as you will be required to enter it on the form.

If you do not have easy access to a computer you can use one in my office but please let me know in advance so that I can make sure there is desk space for you.

Expect to hear on 16 April which school you have been allocated a little bit of a wait.

I am happy to chat with you about your choices and the process, if you want to message me I will give you some suitable dates and see if we can find somewhere suitable to meet.

Good Luck and Let me know if you need any help.

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Dates to remember: 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Monday 7 Sep - Friday 18 Dec (26 Oct -30 Oct Half Term. We are closed 1 week)

Spring Term

Monday 4 Jan - Thursday 1 Apr (15 Feb - 19 Feb Half Term. We are closed 1 week)

Summer Term

Monday 19 Apr - Mon 19 Jul (Mon 31 May - Fri 4 Jun 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

Your Key Person

We have had a bit of a change around with the Key People.

If your child is a preschooler (children starting school September 2021), Bernie will be keeping a special eye on the children attending Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Jolanta will be doing the same for the children attending on Thursday and Friday.

If your child is one of our younger children, Suzy will be keeping a watchful eye on Monday and Tuesday and Caroline will finish the week.

Manuela will also be providing Key Person support.

Your Key person will be responsible for helping your child settle into the routine of the session, communicating with you. They will observe your child's activity and ensure they are progressing along development guidelines. Their most important role is to spend time with your child. As all of the team are part time your child may have more than one Key Person but you will have one Special Person who will make sure that records of development are kept updated. Your child's Key Person name has been updated on Famly and you can contact your Key Person by messaging them on Famly.

Accidents

We try to inform you of some of the accidents and bumps your children have and are using Famly to give you the "story." We like you to know what has happened and if we have given first aid which more than likely will be a cuddle. If we need you to collect your child we will call you not just leave it to a written message.



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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. Louise is covering in the nursery and may not be able to answer your queries.

Attendance Matters

Please ensure your child attends their regular booked sessions. They are at a time in their lives where consistency of attendance matters.

FAMILY

Famly is our Administration platform.

We use it to

- store your children's information
- 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
- report accidents

We are very sorry but we are not able to accept any requests for adhoc/standby or swap of sessions

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.

Office News

Rani and Viv are working from home and Louise is covering in the nursery during some sessions. This means that we are not always able to answer the phones. If you need to speak to one of us please leave a message or better still, send us a message on Famly.

Car Park

Thank you for not parking in the school car park.



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.

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What to Wear

We want to encourage children with independence and will be teaching the children how to put their coats on. They will be really proud to show off their achievement so why not ask them?

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.

Weather at this time of year is extremely changeable and we do love to our outdoor play. That together with current Covid advice is to play outside as much as possible. It might be a wise investment to buy vests to wear under T-shirts and tops to keep your child warm. Please avoid body suits with poppers as children will find it difficult to use the toilet. And most importantly don't forget to send your child with a coat.

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.



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!

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Information if your child is having Lunch

For the moment we are not able to go to the school for lunch so children staying for lunch will need to bring a packed lunch for the time being.

The children will need to bring a lunch box that is easily cleaned down on arrival and would suggest that an ice brick to keep the contents cool would be a good idea.

Items that make a good lunch box would include a savoury such as a sandwich, pasta salad, rice salad, wrap but it should be something you know your child will eat. A piece of fruit and a drink is also a must. There are some great ideas on the change 4 life you can take a look using the following link. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>

Lunch time in action

The practitioners supporting the children at lunch will be encouraging them to eat their savoury first.

They will encourage the children to have a go at opening packaging but will help them when they need.

If you are adding grapes, for safety reason could you cut them in half way, long ways. This helps to reduce a choking risk.

We cannot warm food.

Please do not include nuts or seafood in lunch boxes. We do have children who have severe allergies.

Children will be encouraged to sit at the table and eat. For some children this may be a bit tricky but with practice they do get it.

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.



Snack Time

The children will be having a group snack time in the morning.

We will be providing the children with a choice of fruit and a plain biscuit, cracker or breadstick and ofcourse a drink of milk or water. We ask you not to send fruit in for the moment.

We would also appreciate a contribution of a box of tissues and a packet of wipes each half term.



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This Week:



My word, it has been a busy week and we have used a little more of our indoor environment than in previous weeks.

Poppy the Parrot gave us all much excitement when she came to visit.

We have spent a lot of time this week talking about our families and the children have produced some fab pictures of their families. We are getting to know you all, so much better! These will be going up on display. We took the opportunity to look at individual characteristics such as height. The children enjoyed the measuring so much that they went off measuring everything in sight, leaves, the balance bench to name but two.



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Other activities included a small group made playdough with Jolanta, Bernie played with the Happy Land people helping children to group families and we did lots and lots of drawings of our families and even our own faces.



Over the past weeks we have looked at books everyday, not just reading the children stories but showing them how they can look at books on their own and enjoy them. This was a lovely moment catching them doing just that.

Well this has to be my favourite time this week.

Playing outside the children decided to move the slide to the top of our hilly hillock. They made sure that slide was stable and didn't move and then slid down at great speed. But to me seeing this risk taking type of play gives me so much pleasure. I should also point out how brilliantly the children are lining up waiting for their turn.



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Weekly Plan: 5 Oct 2020

FKYs - First Kindergarten Year Children starting school Sep 2022

Pre- Sch - pre-schoolers children starting school September 2021

The weather is changing and some activities will be taking place indoors. Please make sure that your child is suitable dressed for the weather. They will need a coat **AND PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT!**

Your Key Person will provide one relevant observation a week.

Makaton Sign	Family https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPu7z_zEJ94	Shape	Letter Not just yet	Nursery Rhyme	Baby Shark			
		Next Steps	Activity	Book	Continuous Provision to support			
					Sand Water	Construction	Small World	Outside
Monday	Animal families - knowing the names for baby animals	Understanding groups	Bernie is going to show us how to set a table. Make a table mat with the setting.	Family Life	Happy Land People		Dolls House	Home corner with babies and pushchairs
Tuesday	Language - prepositions on & off, in and out. Looking at books (<i>learning that books can be an individual entertainment</i>)	Reinforcing body part names.	Bathing the babies with Manuela		Dolls House People			Making a leaf house for the bugs.
Wednesday		What makes me, me	Self portraits	You Choose				
Thursday	Learning some 2D shapes can fit together	Describing your home	Draw/collage a picture of where you live with Jolanta			Duplo making houses with Caroline		
Friday		Learning that there are foods we like and some we don't.	Having a tea party					

At Home: We still want your photographs if you have not sent one in. Could you talk to your child about the different names for rooms in your house.

Have you seen the Hungry Minds campaign? Lots of fun ideas to support your child's development.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

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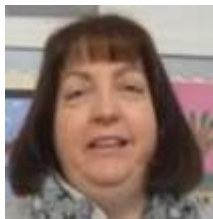
2020 -2021 Staff Team



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



Bernie - Deputy
PFA
Mon - Wed Fri



Bernisi - Deputy.
DSL
PFA



Louise - Manager
DSL
PFA



Annabelle
DSL
PFA



Suzy - SENDCo
PFA
Mon, Tues & Fri AM



Jolanta
PFA
Wed - Fri



Megan
PFA



Manuella
(Manu)
PFA
Tues & Fri



Karen
Volunteer



Daisy
Volunteer

PFA- Paediatric First Aid
DSL - Safeguarding Lead

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Differences between Cold's Flu and Coronavirus

Symptoms	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold
 Fever	Common	Common	Rare
 Cough	Common	Common	Mild
 Loss of taste and smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Diarrhoea	Sometimes for children	Sometimes, especially for children	No

Information on When to book a test for coronavirus for your child can be found in this link.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

Source: WHO, CDC



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