

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

### Year 5 Spring 1



Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with your families.

Thank you so much for all the generous cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. I am so happy to see how well Willow Class have settled into upper school life. Thank you for all of your support at home, it really makes all the difference.

Please refer to our curriculum attached to see all of the exciting topics we have coming up this term!

#### Year 5 home learning

Subject	Sent home	Due in	Frequency
Spellings Maths History/Geography/Science	Tuesday	Tuesday	<b>Fortnightly</b> – set on google classroom (Your google classroom has now been changed to Willow). This year we are using a 'home learning menu'. There will be one activity for each of these subjects posted on a single document to choose between. You may do as many as you find helpful.
Times Tables up to 12 x 12 and related division facts	On going	Tested regularly	These are best learned and retained with daily practice. This is very important as many mathematical skills are built upon Times Table knowledge
Reading	We expect the children to read at home daily. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read. eg. How do you think Tess felt when she left the house? Why? These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class. I will add question stems to Google classroom – these are the ones we will be using in class and so the children will become familiar with them.		

#### Reminders

School lunch and snacks	For yr 3-6 school lunch can be ordered daily at a cost of £2.65. Please pay on ParentPay. We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps. Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time. <b>We are a nut free school.</b> We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.
Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, <b>no juice or fizzy drinks are allowed.</b>
Uniform	Please ensure all uniform is <b>clearly named.</b> Grey trousers or shorts, Grey skirt or pinafore dress, Black, white or grey socks, Black or grey tights, White polo shirt, Green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm

	<p>weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable)</p> <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p> <p>Nail varnish is not allowed.</p> <p>School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.</p>
PE kit	<p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named and in a named bag.</p> <p><b>Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons – please provide tape if earrings cannot be removed.</b></p> <p><b>Watches must be removed for PE.</b></p> <p>PE kit must be worn to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p>
Bags	<p>Reception, yr 1 and 2 children must have a book bag in school. This is so books can easily be checked and letters put in.</p> <p>Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as 22 rucksacks take up a lot of room in the class.</p>
Mornings	<p>School starts promptly at 8.55am.</p> <p>Your child will be greeted at the class door by an adult at 8.50am. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.</p> <p>Children and parents arriving after 9.00am will be asked to sign in at the office.</p>
After school	<p>School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.</p> <p><b>Yrs 5 and 6</b> - if your child sometimes walks home alone or with friends please ensure the teacher or office knows that you have given permission for this.</p>
Contact details	<p>Please ensure you contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office asap if you change your phone number or address.</p>

### Other Adults

Our teaching assistant who will be working with your child this half term is Mrs Gates

We also welcome Miss Thompson into our classroom for this half term as we switch from history to geography on a friday afternoon.

### Forest School

Please make sure that your child brings a bag with old clothes and a pair of wellies to change into for forest school. They will also need a warm coat. Dates are to be confirmed and will depend on if your child is in 4/5 or 5/6.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so I will be available at the start of each day. However, if you would like a longer chat, please make an appointment with me (depending on the topic, it may be helpful to have another staff member present. E.g your child's Y5/6 or 4/5 teacher)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Baker

