



Big Clean Up

Last week and this week, our children are taking part in a range of Eco initiatives to support our environment.

The children are doing a great job and having fun at the same time!



Lego Award

Last Friday, our Y6 children were involved in a Lego project to develop leadership and encourage young people in our area to become active citizens. During the workshop, the children took part in a fun, fast paced LEGO based simulation to explore what improvements could be made to their local environment. The children had a fantastic time and learned a great deal!



Covid Information for Parents & Carers Illness and Accidents

The final two pages of this week's newsletter gives some useful information regarding any questions/queries that you may have regarding school attendance and COVID.

It is really important that you keep the school informed and up to date with your correct contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency. If you change your phone number or address please inform the school office immediately. Later this week, instructions will be sent to all parents explaining how this information can be updated electronically via our online data collection forms

The school is only able to give any medicine to your child if it is a long-term medicine prescribed by the doctor. The school will then require you to fill in a form which can be collected from the school office.

If your child is off sick please ring the office in the morning to let us know that your child will not be attending that day. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must be off for **at least 48 hours after the last movement**. It is very important that you do not allow your child to come back before this time because even though they may appear to be better they can still be carrying the virus which can cause other children to catch the sickness

Wigan & Leigh Hospice Fundraiser

Well done to Betsy and Millie from Our Lady's, who have held a fundraiser for Wigan and Leigh Hospice over the August bank holiday weekend. Betsy had a yard sale to raise money for the hospice which helped with the care of her Nannie. She decided to sell cakes and sweets and they did this on their local park. With the help of family on the day which included Millie Sands from year 6 they raised an incredible £277.70. Well done girls!

Dropping off and Collection of children

Firstly, can I thank all parents and carers for keeping to our staggered start and finish times. I appreciate that this is

a different system, but the circumstances denote that we have to do this. Wigan LA are conducting checks to ensure that parents are socially distancing when dropping off and that only one parent per family attends the school site at any given time.

Can I politely request that when collecting your children you **do not knock on any of the classroom windows.** The children will only be permitted entry/dropped at their designated time.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support with these arrangements.

Coffee Morning Powerpoints

If you have not already seen them, please take a look at your child's Coffee Morning Powerpoint

<https://www.aspullourladays.wigan.sch.uk/class-activities>

Hopefully, you have found them useful, particularly in terms of how you can support your children throughout the course of this school year. If you would like further information on how you can continue to support your child please don't hesitate to contact their class teacher via email.

New Intake 2021

If you have a child/children whose D.O.B is between 1/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 they are due to start school in September 2021 in Reception. If you require a place for your child/children please ensure that you have registered your child's details by speaking to the school office and registering their details. A letter will be posted to you via Wigan council Admissions team with details of how to apply online by November 2020.

The closing date for on time applications last year was 15th January 2020.

This year we will be having Open Day appointments for new starters on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October. We also have videos which showcase our school—these can be found at <https://www.aspullourladays.wigan.sch.uk/new-starters>



Reception Class Photograph

A photographer for The Wigan Observer attended school to take a photograph of our new Reception children. The smiles were brilliant and they will be published some time in November.

Parents' interim Information

Information regarding the parents' interim updates for October will be sent out early October. As stated in previous communication, we will not be having autumn appointments at school.

Safeguarding

At Our Lady's, we recognise that keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility and that the best interests of the child are paramount. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals will make sure that their approach is child centred. This means they will consider at all times what is in the best interest of the child.

All staff share a commitment to providing a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment; that promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child, promoting healthy development.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies, as well as other important policies relevant to the safeguarding agenda such as: Inclusion, Behaviour and Anti-Bullying, can be found on the school website and are also available upon request from the school office.

For your information our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are as follows:

Designated Safeguarding Lead -

Mr C Horridge (Headteacher),

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - **Mrs C Teahan (formerly Miss Calvey)** (Deputy Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads—**Miss E Wright** (Assistant Headteacher) &

Miss B Whittingham (SLT member)

Governor Safeguarding Lead- **Mrs E Coffey**

Chair of Governors— **Mrs C Massingham**

Parking

A polite reminder that parents should not park on the zig zags or any yellow lines outside school when dropping off or picking up. The safeguarding of our children is vital and can't be stressed enough. Wigan LA are conducting spot checks and tickets will be given out.

St Joseph's Open Evening

St Joseph's R.C. High School Virtual Open Evening clip will shortly be uploaded to their transition channel soon and will premiere at 5:30pm on Tuesday 22nd September. This will be followed by a live zoom. If you would like to join them for the live zoom please email transition@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk and include any questions you would like them to answer and they will send you a joining link. In the meantime, please watch this clip to find out more about our school as they begin the countdown to their Virtual Open Evening

https://youtu.be/_yAD9d_2psY. You can also view more welcome videos on their dedicated 'Transition Channel': https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLX72CniOJalR9UcU6G8n_Kp_SsWZqemDFd

Keep up to speed with events in St Joseph's community by following them

on Facebook: facebook.com/StJosephsRCHS or give us a call on 01204 697456 St Joseph's look forward to welcoming you!

Scooters and Bicycles

Please ensure that your child dismounts their scooter or bicycle prior to entering the school grounds to prevent any collisions and does not ride them before exiting the grounds.

Key Upcoming Dates

Friday 25th September - **European Day of Languages**

Friday 9th October—**World Mental Health & Kindness Day**

Tuesday 13th October -**Parents' Interim Reports Out**

Thursday 15th October-4:00pm—4:30 p.m.- **YR,Y1 & Y2 Zoom Online Phonics Parental Workshop** (Support video saved online after the meeting)

Thursday 15th October - 4:30pm—5:00 p.m. Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6 Online Reading Parental Workshop

(Support video saved online)

Wednesday 21st October & Thursday 22nd October 4:00 - 6:00p.m.

By appointment only Virtual Open Day Online— New Intake 2021 video released

1-1 tours 21.10.20 & 22.10.2020 by appointment only (4- 6pm)

Attendance Matters

Class	WB 9.9.2020	WB 14.9.2020
Year R	97.8%	95.6%
Year 1	92.5%	100%
Year 2	99.1%	97.4%
Year 3	97.2%	100%
Year 4	98%	98.7%
Year 5	97.2%	100%
Year 6	96.7%	93.6%
Whole	96.9%	97.9%



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: ¹

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>



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 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For further information:

gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net

gov.uk/backtoschool

