

2-Year-Old Provision



Since returning from the Easter holidays, we have been super busy! The children have enjoyed playing and exploring in the garden. They have particularly enjoyed looking for worms and playing in our new playhouse.

Mark making with our 2-year-old provision...

This week we have enjoyed working on our very own masterpieces. The children have used crayons, pencils, felt

tips and chalk to make marks.

The children have enjoyed a 'big floor draw'. The children enjoyed drawing faces and using lines and circles to create beautiful drawings.

Encouraging your child to mark make at home –

Develops Fine Motor Skills.

Encourages Visual Analysis.

Increases Individual Confidence.

Teaches Creative Problem Solving.

Improves Hand-Eye Coordination.

Helps Establish Concentration.



We currently have places available for our 2-year-old provision, for September 2021 and January 2022.

Please check on Wirral.gov to check eligibility for 2 year old funding.

Please come and see Mrs Higgins for any queries and information

PLEASE ENSURE

- Your contact details are updated and provided to school.
- Your child/children is kept off school if they present with flu-like symptoms, dry cough, high temperature.
- Good personal hygiene: Washing of hands often with soap and water;
- If coughing or sneezing – cover mouth with a tissue, dispose of tissue and wash hands.
- Please be assured we will continue to monitor the situation and update parents and carers accordingly.

Year 6 go swimming!



We were delighted in year 6 to get back to swimming these last 2 weeks after over a year since our last lesson!

We've had to get used to new rules and restrictions at the pool, and try and pick up where we left off.

The children's attitude has been Incredible. Despite some initial nerves all of the children have done their best and have shown improvements from where they were up last year. We finished the week with some fun and games in the pool as a big thank you for all of their hard work.

Sports

Despite the restrictions, we are still offering sports opportunities wherever possible. We are really pleased to have started up our after-school clubs again for Year 2 and 4, and we have started back our great relationship with Flickers & Fliers, running trampolining for our Year 5.



Please message Me McGovern on class dojo if you are interested in your child taking part.

We have also had a sports festival called "Learning & Discovery" run by Wirral school games for our Year 4, and next week all of our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 classes will receive taster tennis coaching from a registered LTA coach. It is so lovely seeing all of children taking part again in sport!

School Attendance

Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at % or above.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: %

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: %

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
2 year olds: Mrs Higgins	92%	94%
Foundation 1 Miss Howard	91%	92%
Foundation 2 Miss Turner	96%	97%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	99%	98%
Year 1: Miss Last	96%	98%
Year 2: Miss Finnigan	99%	95%
Year 3 Miss Davies	96%	96%
Year 4 Mr Broughton	93%	92%
Year 5: Miss J Allen	98%	97%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	98%	97%



Pupils should wash their hands:

before leaving home
on arrival at school
after using the toilet
after breaks and sporting activities
before food preparation
before eating any food,
including snacks
before leaving school.

Class	Drop Off	Pick Up	Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Two Year Old Provision	8.55	11.45	Yr3	9.00	15.20
F1	8.55	11.45	Yr4	9.00	15.20
F2	8.45	15.00	Yr5	9.05	15.30
Yr1	8.50	15.10	Yr6	9.05	15.30
Yr2	8.50	15.10			



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

Headteacher Mrs M Hollis

School Office 0151 638 3919
26th April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to those parents that consistently follow social distancing restrictions during drop off and pick up times. If you are not adhering to these restrictions, staff may remind you of them. Please be respectful towards staff at all times as these measures are necessary to keep our school family safe. All adults, unless exempt, are required to wear a face covering at the school gate.



UPDATE RE TESTING FOR WIDER COVID SYMPTOMS



Please note that as of this week, **Wirral are no longer advising people to book a PCR test if they are experiencing any of the 'wider' symptoms** that may have been related to COVID. Owing to our significantly reduced infection rates, the LCR Directors of Public Health have agreed that we will revert to **only those experiencing at least one of the 3 MAIN symptoms**

- high temperature,
- new continuous cough or
- loss or sense of taste/smell should book a symptomatic test.

GOVERNORS

At the end of March, Mr Steve Dainty and Mr Denis Torpey retired from their positions as governors at St Joseph's. I would like to express our thanks for the time they have given to St Joseph's over

the years. I am pleased to say that a new Chair and Vice Chair of Governors were selected at our last meeting. Our new Chair is Mrs Rose Austin and our Vice Chair is Mr Mick Brown. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to their new positions!



FOUNDATION PLACES

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Foundation children into F2 in September. If you are looking for a place for your child for F1 or in our two year old provision, please register your interest at the school office as soon as possible. We have limited places remaining for September. If your child is turning 2 or 3 over the next year and you would like to reserve a place in our Foundation Stage, please contact with the school office. schooloffice@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk.



Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Hollis