

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to have the children now fully back into the swing of things at school. Some of the routines and things that have been missed during the pandemic are slowly being restored. We have had singing assemblies for KS2 and then KS1/Reception on the past two weeks and this Thursday, hope to have the whole school in the hall together for singing. We had our first whole class assembly in over 18 months in the hall on Friday which was successful. Young leaders are back with year 5s and 6s, after being expertly trained by Ms. Pinel from St Paul's, going into Reception and Key Stage 1 organising games and support for our young children. Sports events are coming back on the calendar. We also hope to restart a parents' morning for Reception parents at the end of the month. Violins and recorders are being taught to our children in Year 4 and 3 respectively.

Presently, we know that some in the SJF community are being affected by the Covid-19 virus. Continue to be vigilant and maintain the rules and guidelines to keep us all safe.

Cross-country

Well done to all our runners from year 3, 4, 5, and 6 who have been practicing cross country running over the past month through the Active Mile in balmy sunshine or brisk autumnal fare. They competed in our first sporting competition in 18 months at Manor High School, who were excellent hosts, in the mid weekly Oadby and Wigston cross country league. All performed magnificently – setting personal bests, showing determination, self-motivation and courage. They have been firsts, seconds, and top twenties galore in fields of 50 or more. It was great to be back together again and the support of team SJF was equal to the running prowess – first class.

Oliver and Zadie did a magnificent job summarizing the afternoon to the whole school assembly!



Goals

The St.Paul's organised Goals competitions start up this week with Year 2 & 3 playing tomorrow. Good luck to both teams.

Competition wins – National award

A huge well done to Elise who was our KS1 national winner 🏆 in a carbon monoxide (CO) safety competition run by Cadent. If you were in classes of Year 2 and 3 last year, you may remember your child speaking about Safety Seymour and bringing home a carbon monoxide detector.

Elise made an amazing film about what to do if you suspect CO and it even featured CO Hero Safety Seymour

Congratulations, Elise and thank you for helping to spread the word on the dangers of carbon monoxide

<https://crowd.in/J54ICN>



Foundation Governors

We are looking for practising Catholics who want to support Catholic education by becoming Foundation Governors at St John Fisher. This does not have to be a parent at the school - someone who has links with the school, a grandparent, a retiree or someone you think may be of interest. Let them know! There is a shortage of foundation governors across the trust and it is important for Catholic education in Leicester and Leicestershire that there are vibrant governing bodies.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, please complete the 'Self-Nomination' form link (<http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/education/directors-governors/appointment-foundation-governors>) and email it to Julie Sweeney at NRCDES Governor Support julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality are very important to ensure that children achieve their very best. This is going to be a key priority for our school this year and we will be sharing our new attendance policy with you shortly. We expect children to attend school regularly and to be on time each day. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or family reasons, please contact the school office before 9.30am. Messages can be left on the school answer phone. Holidays in term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2022

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2022 (d.o.b. 01.09.2017 – 31.08.2018) please obtain an 'Expression of Interest' form from the School Office. There is also a requirement to fill in an LA form before January 15th 2022. This form can be found at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions.



Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club

There is a Breakfast Club which starts at 7.45am. For Afterschool club, there is a booking form that can be found on the [school website](#)

Leicestershire Traded Service job vacancies

Please see the ad which went out on Parentmail regarding vacancies at LTS.

Reading volunteers and standbys

Reading volunteers are an excellent support to our children and the help was invaluable. Our children greatly benefitted from your support!

As you know reading is so important and it really helps your child to make progress.

We are aiming to get 2 Reader Volunteers in each class in Reception and Key Stage 1 and at least 1 reading volunteer for Key Stage 2 to hear children read.

If you or someone you know would be interested in doing this please can you fill in the form sent via Parentmail, even if you can only give an hour of your time it would be very much appreciated. If you prefer paper copies, these can be obtained from the school office.

If you are interested in being a stand-by to for midday supervision, we would grateful to have you listed on our reserve list. Please inform the office if you are interested in this role: 0116 2882203

Safeguarding

We are always looking for ways to improve the children's safety. In order to ensure that children are collected safely at the end of the school day, **a letter will be sent home to all parents this week** regarding collection. Please can you return these to school as soon as possible. We will only dismiss children to the named persons on the collection sheet. The parent or carer must notify the school office if there are any changes to these arrangements before 2.30pm to avoid any delays at the end of the school day.

If you are happy for your child to walk to meet you or to walk home independently, you will need to give written permission. Forms are available from the school office. Thank you for your support.

School Dinners

Please note that school dinners are priced at £2.35 per day and must be paid in advance.

Also find included the school menu till the end of the half term, it may be worth looking at this with your child in advance so they have a clear idea of what is on offer and what they can look forward to eat the next day e.g. either the meat or vegetarian option.

Children with Asthma

If your child requires an inhaler at school please ensure that it is labelled with his/her name. An asthma record has been sent out for updating. We are noticing some inhalers are out of date so it is important to make sure they are in date and working. This also applies to epipens.



Morrisons – It's Good to Grow

Free Gardening equipment for your school! Please see the poster attached on how to sign up if you shop at Morrisons and help our school get as many Grow Tokens as we can.

How it works...

- 1 Morrison's customers download the MyMorrisons app
- 2 They sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select the school they wish to collect for
- 3 They scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping
- 4 For every £10 spent they will receive a Grow Token to donate to their chosen school
- 5 Your school can exchange your Grow Tokens for free gardening equipment after the collection period

Water bottles and break time snacks

Water bottles, filled with **water** only, may be brought to school to use during the day. A piece of fruit is provided for every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Two tea biscuits or digestives can be brought for a snack at break time. (No crisps or sweets).

Parking and Road safety

Please park with due care and attention for all of our children and our neighbours. It is obvious despite some staggering that it is busier around the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day than it was last year. Please do not park on the corner of Winslow Drive/Shenley Road and take care to leave enough room for cars to drive down Winslow Drive.

If travelling by car, children should exit on the pavement side of the road and not out onto the open road. When crossing the road, it is paramount that children look both sides and only cross when it is safe to do with an adult. For those who are cycling and scooting, please do not cycle or scoot around the entrance or exit to school where queues of people are lining up.

Stay safe.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- 21ST Year 2&3 Football Goals 1-2.30pm
- 23RD Rice Bowl Preliminary Round V Little Bowden
- 28TH Parents' Morning Reception Class

OCTOBER

- 7TH Oadby & Wigston Cross Country Meet Round 2
- 12th Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7
- 13TH Year 6 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5
- 14TH Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5
- 15TH Swimming Concludes for Year 5 & 6
School Closes for Half Term
- 25TH School Re Opens
- 28TH Oadby & Wigston Cross Country Meet Round 3
- 29TH Swimming Begins for Year 3 & 4 (First Week: Assessment Only)
Team Building Year 6

NOVEMBER

- 3RD LEICESTER SSPAN CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
- 4TH Year 1 Ks1 Festival Aylestone Leisure Centre
- 9TH Year 2 Ks1 Festival Aylestone Leisure Centre
- 15TH Year 4 Football Goals 1-2.30pm
- 19TH School Closed for Teacher Training Day**
- 22ND Year 5 & 6 Football Goals 1 – 2.30pm
- 28TH First Week of Advent

DECEMBER

- 9TH Christmas Dinners
- 10TH Christmas Jumper Day!
- 13TH Seasonal Flu Vaccination for School Age Children (Reception to Year 6)
- 16TH Beauty and The Beast production @ St John Fisher
- 21ST Tuesday: School Closes for Christmas**

JUNE

27TH JUNE TO WEDNESDAY, 29TH JUNE 2022

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential