

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy St. John Bosco Feast Day!



As we come to the end of another challenging week.....children in school and at home are working extremely hard. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience, we now have more children attending the Google Meet sessions—a valuable resource where children can meet up with their friends and teachers.



Our first virtual assembly went well and I'm sure will grow over the next few weeks. In the assembly we talked about the children's gift of a plant pot to decorate and seeds to plant so we can share the journey together. We look forward to seeing the completed St. John Bosco Feast Day work.

Art Project

We aim to make a 'Virtual Art Gallery' to share and celebrate all entries (please see Twitter and overleaf)

Home Learning Packs

Your 'Pot of Joy' will be available to collect along with your fortnightly home learning pack, if required, on Wednesday afternoon between 1.00-3.00pm (there will also be a breakfast pack for each child with bagels and cereal for two weeks).

Lateral Flow Testing

From this week school staff are taking part in the testing programme. The government asymptomatic testing strategy will help to break chains of transmission of Coronavirus (Covid-19) in educational settings by identifying asymptomatic positive cases. Those who test positive will then self-isolate helping to reduce transmission of the virus. This will then mean that the class bubble/bubbles may close if the member of staff had close contact with the children. We will, as always, work closely with Public Health following their advice and guidance.

Children in School

We currently have 30% of children in school, whilst also trying to provide effective, robust online learning.

Critical Key Workers

We continue to be open to vulnerable pupils and to the children of Critical Key Workers. I would like to say thank you once again to parents, especially those of you who have found alternative arrangements, which has helped school to support others who have no alternative. We have so far managed to accommodate all requests, however key worker numbers are increasing and therefore we need to continue assessing the risks to staff and children. Please let us know by Friday your requirements for the following week. If we have not heard from you by then we will presume you do not need a place for the following week.

When you are not at work/are on holiday please support us by not sending your child to school.

“Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following section: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**” DFE 08/01/21

We appreciate your support in limiting the number of children in school and subsequently helping to limit the spread of the virus.

Dinner Money (for children attending school)

A reminder that if you pay for school meals you should pay online if possible at www.sunderland.gov.uk, in the week that meals are taken (or in advance). Thank you for your support.

Face Masks

Due to the high volume of parents/carers dropping off and picking up, we ask for your support by wearing a face mask whilst on our school site to help keep us all safe.



God bless and stay safe, Mrs Peart



SJB ART PROJECT!



"THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW"



We would love to invite you all to take part in our whole school art project (we'd love parents, grandparents, carers and teachers to join in too!)

To get involved use any form of visual art (drawing, painting, sculpture etc.) to create 'The View From Your Window'. It can be your real view or an imaginary view if you'd prefer!



Once you've completed your artwork please send us a clear photograph via Twitter, PurpleMash, Google Classroom or email. We are hoping to set up a virtual school art gallery to share and celebrate all entries!