



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope our newsletter finds you safe and well. I continue to be grateful at the dedication and commitment by so many as we adapt to this new way of working. The well-being of our St Joseph's family remains central to the actions of all we do and make plans for at this time. We are now in the recovery Stage 1 of the Government's plans. At this stage staff can now return to work to prepare for August.

Communication

Online learning will continue throughout June. Please remember our teachers will have other commitments throughout the month of June in school and may not be as quick to respond as they currently are. From the 8 June you will be able to contact the school by phone as our clerical staff will also return but I would ask that you do not come to the school without prior arrangement. If you have any enquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email gwstjosephsoffice@glow.sch.uk and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Children's Progress Reports

School reports have been posted this week – please look out for your child's report!

Transitions

A word of thanks and congratulations to our fabulous P7 pupils. They have been a wonderful group of children and I am sorry that their final months of primary have not been what we would have hoped for or they deserved. However, this does not detract from their many achievements and successes and staff have been working very hard to recognise this and give them the send-off they deserve.

The P7 Leavers' Assembly was due to take place on Thursday the 18 June. Mrs King has been working hard to put together a Leavers' Celebration to mark this occasion. This will be posted on the Website and directly onto Google Classroom on Thursday 18 June.

The PTA have managed to gift the children with hoodies and their school tie – many, many thanks to them for managing to do this!

Records of Achievement

Our P7 children have left behind a wealth of memories contained within their ROA folders. The staff would very much like the children to have these.

The children will be invited into the school on Fri 19 June to pick up their folders and their gifts. To adhere to social distancing guidelines we will allocate time slots and the children will come to school in small groups. We will be in touch with these times slots in due course. Parents will not be in the school building and will be encouraged not to gather outside the school so that social distancing can be adhered to. Children will be asked to sanitise their hands upon entering and leaving the building and will naturally be following social distancing.

Transfer to Secondary

The secondary schools have made arrangements for our children to visit. A letter has been emailed to all parents and we have posted information on the school website.

The secondary schools have also been working hard to put in place measures to have virtual transitions for our pupils. St John Ogilvie have a designated twitter Journey to Ogilvie @OgilvieTo – please follow this for up to date transition information. Both Miss McCulley and Miss Gourlay have posted a number of transition based activities on Google Classroom.

Celebrations (part 1)

Please look out for a PowerPoint this week reflecting on the many memories we have shared as a school family. We post on the website and Google Classroom. It is a reminder of memories shared – we hope that you enjoy it! Part 2 to follow next week!

Uniform

It would be our hope that the children return to school in their full school uniform in August. However we understand that in the current climate this may be difficult. In these circumstances we are, of course, willing to be flexible. Please contact the school office if you have concerns/issues around your child(ren) **not** being able to return in August in full school uniform. You can contact us by either phoning - 01698 825121 or emailing -

gwstjosephsoffice@glow.sch.uk

Classes for August

In light of all the changes that the children have experienced this year we have decided to keep almost all classes with the same teacher in August 2020. All of children will move onto their new primary with a teacher they know and who knows them! This supports both their wellbeing and their learning.

Please see listed below classes and teachers for August 2020.

Primary 1 (R1) – Mrs Somerville

Primary 2 (R2) – Mrs Madden

Primary 2 (R3) – Mrs Dunn

Primary 3 (R4) – Mrs Waddell

Primary 3/4(R5)-Mrs Conner

Primary 4/5(R6) –Mrs Curivan

Primary 5 (R7) – Mrs McKeen

Primary 6 (R8) - Miss Usai

Primary 6/7(R9)-Mrs Campbell

Primary 7 (R10) – Miss Gourlay

Due to the restrictions that have been put in place by the Scottish Government in light of COVID 19 children will attend school part time with other learning being set at home. More information about this to follow.

Recovery Planning- Return to School

Following the First Minister's announcement regarding the planned re-opening of schools we would like to reassure you that we will support the children to make a safe and successful start back to school.

Many thanks to all our families for all your continuing support during this time, we miss you all and look forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so.

Kind regards
Jacqueline Ross
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