

Reception Parents' Newsletter

Welcome back to school!

Welcome back to the start of a new year at St Joseph's Catholic Academy and a big welcome to parents old and new. I am very much looking forward to teaching your children this year and we have lots of exciting learning opportunities to help your child to flourish and grow. This newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning between now and October half term.

Our topic this term is 'My World and Beyond'-'Superhero, Super Me' which will be taught through the Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning: Religious Education, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Below are just some of the many activities that the children will be doing this term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

Belonging to different families
Discuss feelings, likes & dislikes
Self hygiene & eating healthily
Animals/pets from home
Family holidays/ weekends
Establishing routines
Manners
Circle Time & Chatterboxes

Expressive Arts and Design:

Self portraits
Family portraits
Junk modelling-making houses
Harvest printing
Art linked to texts
Autumn craft
Split pin skeletons
Drawing emotions
Playdough

RE:

Creation
People Who Care For Us

RHE:

All About Me

Traditional Tale of the half term:

The Little Red Hen
The Enormous Turnip

Communication & Literacy:

High quality texts: Funnybones, Supertato, Dogger, Oliver's Vegetables, The Colour Monster
Non-Fiction body books
Learning new vocabulary, songs, rhymes, poems & stories about the body
Stories from around the world
Sequencing stories
Booklets of who belongs in their family
Phonics: Initial sounds/CVC words.
Letter formation



Music:

Exploring sounds using voices, body percussion and instruments.

Physical Development:

Music & Movement
Different ways of moving
Making: cards, food, paper mache, models of people
Developing fine & gross motor skills
Healthy eating/teeth
Write Dance
Dough Disco
Cutting skills
Port Vale/ Mr Sigley PE
Pencil grip/ letter formation

Maths:

Count objects, actions and sounds
Subitise
Number songs & rhymes
Matching, sorting and comparing
Comparing amounts
Time-My Day, Daily timetable
Exploring pattern-repeating patterns

Understanding the World:

Drawing around a child & labelling body parts
Exploring the 5 senses
Seasonal activities (Autumn)
Recognising similarities/differences between themselves and others—height/hair/skin colour
Life cycle- baby to adult
Healthy Lifestyles
Welly walks
Weather

Days to remember:

PE-Wednesdays (Mr Sigley) &

Fridays (Port Vale)

Full PE kit to be kept on pegs / no jewellery to be worn.

Reading books will be given out shortly and will get changed on Mondays and Thursdays; please make sure books are in book bags and diaries are signed. Thank you.

Library books will be swapped and given out on Fridays.

Homework books will be given out on Friday and need to be returned by the following Wednesday.



Staff in Reception

Miss Mogford
Class Teacher



Mrs Bradley,
Reception
Teaching
Assistant



Our new Early
Years Appren-
tice Miss
Whittaker
starts on
Monday.

Weekly Timetable

Monday

- Gospel Assembly (whole school)
- Reading books changed

Tuesday

Wednesday

- P.E. (Mr Sigley)
- Key Stage Assembly
- Homework books collected in

Thursday

- Music
- Reading books changed

Friday

- Success Assembly (whole school)
- P.E. (Port Vale)
- Homework books given out
- Library slot (Library books to be returned & swapped)

Homework books

Homework books will be given out shortly. Please refer to the letter stuck at the front of your child's homework book for further guidance on how to complete homework. Some specific, weekly activities may be set linked to our weekly learning, as well as an optional grid. Don't forget if your child has completed a practical homework task you are welcome to take photographs or use the Evidence Me app to record this using your previous log in details. Please help your child to complete this as it will impact greatly on their learning.



What can you do at home?

- It is so important to read with your child at home. We ask that you help your child with their reading book at least 4 times a week and sign their reading diary each time. Please note that the additional library books that we send home are for shared reading and discussion with your child- we do not expect them to be able to read every word!
- Encourage your child to practice writing their name, forming letters (lowercase and capital), shopping lists, etc.
- Read books and visit the library together with your child to foster a love for reading.
- Support your child to count and recognise numbers in and around the environment.
- Practise counting a range of objects by 'touch counting'.

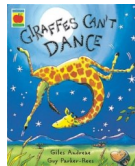
Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 15th September 2021

3:30pm or 5:00pm

Class Author

Reception's class author this year is 'Giles Andreae.' We will be reading lots of books throughout the year by this author and doing activities linked to his stories and rhymes.



Questions or Queries?

If you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact me for an informal chat or you can make an appointment to see me at the school office, after school is generally a better time. We all want the children to have a very productive, enjoyable year and the best way to ensure this is to nip any 'small' problems in the bud before they become 'big' problems.



Just a reminder.....

- All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE days. Full PE kit to be kept in school at all times (PE kits will be sent home half termly to be washed).
- **All children** in Reception are entitled to **Universal Free School Meals**, please encourage your child to try hot dinners. Please refer to the menu on the school website.
- Please don't bring your child with large bags that they cannot carry, children are expected to be independent in Reception and will be expected to carry and take care of their own personal belongings.
- Fruit, milk and water are provided throughout the day. £1 snack money to be paid at the beginning of the week.

It would be fantastic if you could send in...

- ⇒ A bag that can be kept on your child's peg that contains a change of uniform, socks/ tights and pants- just in case!
- ⇒ A rain coat and wellingtons that can be kept on your child's peg for rainy and windy days. (Please ensure they are labelled).
- ⇒ Boxes we can use for making models and empty yoghurts pots for paints and glue.
- ⇒ Any high-quality toys that you no longer require.
- ⇒ A blue book bag that is in school every day. It might be useful to attach a key ring to it to help your child to easily recognise it.

Thank you