

# Weekly Update - 27/11/20



27.11.20

Dear Parents,

I trust this correspondence finds you all as well as can be, in light of the new stipulations from our Assembly, regarding a further Circuit Breaker/lockdown. Can I extend sincere thanks on behalf of all the staff in St. Joseph and St. James's for your due diligence in respecting all requests to support our school community, from wearing face coverings whilst on school premises, to providing disposable lunch bags for all our pupils and much more. We are eternally grateful.

Please find below updates to take effect from Monday 30.11.20:



## **Homework:**

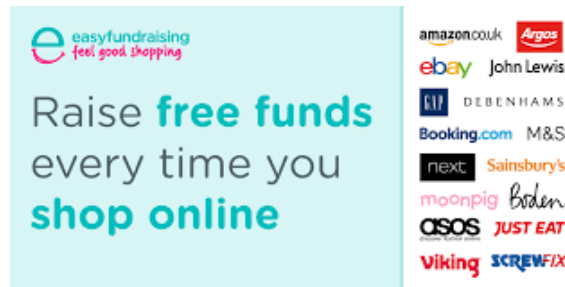
For the duration of this term we will not be providing hard copies of homework. Pupils may receive fun activities, which will not be more than two per week from each class teacher (exception applies to those pupils who are off school as a result of Covid 19 regulations, due to a positive case in their family unit). Can we please emphasise guided reading should continue to be completed via Bug Club for P1-3 and pupils in P4-7 will receive direction from each class teacher regarding recommended daily reading.

Can we please ask if you have any queries, please continue to direct them via the school office during school opening hours. It is strongly advised you do not contact our teaching staff outside of their working day via Seesaw. I am very mindful our teaching staff also go home to look after their own families after their working day. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this.

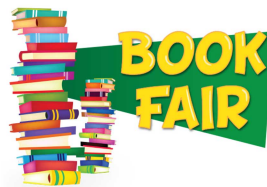


### Christmas Raffle:

In light of all the unusual circumstances that have followed with this current year, we have been unable to host a number of much needed fundraising events, the funds of which come directly to the pupils of our school. We ask for your support as we are hosting a Christmas raffle, organised by our hardworking Friends of St. Joseph and St. James's committee. There are a number of fantastic prizes. Sponsor sheets will be sent home with our pupils on Monday 30.11.20. Our raffle will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



With Christmas fast approaching and much online shopping being done this is just a little reminder that you can help to raise funds for Friends of St. Joseph & St. James's every time you make an online purchase. The attached video will explain how and the link will take you directly to our cause. As always your continued support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks from the "Friends Of" Committee [https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn2dsQGAEw&feature=player\\_embedded](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn2dsQGAEw&feature=player_embedded) <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostjosephstjames>



### Our Book Fair is here!

We have rescheduled our Book Fair to take place from Friday 27.11.20 – 3.12.20. Mrs Magowan our Literacy Coordinator has organised for each pupil to take home an order form, where it outlines the method of payment you can use when your child chooses their book. You can access a brochure on the wonderful books available via the link on our website.



### Christmas cards:

At this special time of year all our pupils love to spread a little Christmas cheer by exchanging Christmas cards. We ask that if your child wishes to participate in this, can they please bring their cards in and these will be held in class post boxes, where they will be stored for a time to ensure any possible sign of virus have dissipated before distributing to all pupils on 9.12.20.



### Christmas Dinner

Reminder - Our Annual school Christmas dinner will now take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. All pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. **We ask for £1 donation on this day, towards school funds from all pupils.**

Dismissal for pupils on this date will be 1.30p.m



Reminder: Can we please ask for all orders for the school photographer to be returned to school, no later than Friday 4.12.20



To all our P.4 parents, we are pleased to inform you that the scheduled date for the sacrament of First Holy Communion is **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Please note the venue for this event is subject to change at any time. It is proposed for St. Joseph's chapel Poyntzpass, since we do not have a large cohort in P.4 and our chapel here can facilitate this event, in keeping with current protocol in this current academic year.

Please be mindful that Diocesan directives regarding such important Sacramental services will take precedence, alongside guidelines from PHA regarding Covid 19 in determining the venue for this event.

We wish you a reflective weekend break full of hope in this coming week, as we begin to enter the season of advent a time for reflection and a refocus on the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace in preparation for Christmas.



Yours in partnership

C. Wadsworth