

## St Joseph's Out of School Club

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### Autumn newsletter 2020.

The OOSC team would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parents and children joining St Joseph's this year. We hope you will be very happy at the school. If you have any queries, please do drop the team an email to the address above. Please also take the time to join the [St Joseph's Out of School Club \(Nympsfield\) Facebook page](#) (a closed group) to keep up to date with the latest initiatives, news, and updates from OOSC.

To returning families, welcome to another term and the new 'normal'!

#### **A (temporary) new home and new format for OOSC**

OOSC is currently running from the school hall, playground and playing fields, rather than the Leith building. We will return to our normal home as soon as feasibly possible, although it may not be for some time...

We have been so fortunate to have enjoyed such glorious weather since we returned to school and this has really added to the children's enjoyment of our wonderful outside space. Having far more freedom to choose their own activities than normal, the Forest School end of the field has proved extremely popular. The children have been making dens and a new home for Nympsfield's hedgehog population (linking in with this term's Animal theme). The playground offers the perfect arena for both diddi car and remote-control races, which are hotly contested! You will find some comments from parents/children relating to the new format on the next page.

#### **Wrapping up warm**

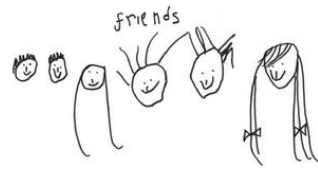
As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child has a warm and waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, and wellies available for them to wear in OOSC. We will continue to run activities outside as much as possible – rain will definitely not stop play!

Please ensure that the OOSC team know what time you will be collecting your child so that they can have them ready for you. We politely remind parents that they are not permitted onto the school premises. If you need to contact OOSC, please use the new mobile number **07564 764 042**.

### **Save the date: OOSC Virtual AGM**

Due to Covid-19, we were unable to hold our AGM at the end of last term. This will now take place virtually, via Zoom, on **Thursday 22 October at 8pm**. The AGM is especially important this year as we will be voting to adopt a new constitution which benefits both OOSC and St Josephs. If you use OOSC, please do make every effort to join this meeting so that we have a quorum.

The AGM also marks the transition from old to new OOSC committee. The school, current OOSC Committee and OOSC team would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Sanders (Chair), Laura Britton (Treasurer) and Louise Benton (Secretary) for stepping forward for the positioned roles. Without their commitment, OOSC would have been forced to closed.



### **Holiday club**

We plan to run Holiday Club as usual during this academic year, subject to being able to operate within the restrictions imposed at that time. Our current plan is to run during February half term, one week at Easter and for the first two weeks of August. More information will be communicated as it becomes available.

### **Just a few spaces remaining**

We have good availability for Breakfast Club and After School Club on a Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday After School Club is currently full and there are just three spaces available on a Thursday. If you would like to make a contract booking (you are committing to the space, regardless of whether you use it) for one of our remaining spaces, please do get in touch. You are able to cancel your contract at any time, subject to providing the required amount of notice.

### **Help us help you**

Please ensure that all invoices are paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, thereby enabling us to continue to provide wrap around care for St Joseph's. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Best wishes,

The OOSC Committee and Team.

My daughter has loved her first two days back at OOSC.

X has enjoyed your OOSC very much this week and is annoyed that I have not booked her in for tomorrow! Thank you!

X has asked her Dad if you could pick her up later, as she was having so much fun.

X says it is really cool and really fun. She loves that she gets to play more with her friends,. Thank you all, as a parent, I am so thankful for what you all do. xx

Ours have loved being back at OOSC and having extra time to play with friends. I've loved the extra time to get work done! Thank you OOSC team x

The girls have really REALLY enjoyed it! They've especially enjoyed the change to mix things up by playing with friends from different years, rather than each other. We've also appreciated the extra time and the touch of normality!