

# Welcome to Year R

Class Teacher: Mrs Gallagher

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Young &  
Mrs Mackay

# Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an integral part of life at St Joseph's. If you have any enquiries or messages for the class teacher we would ask that you please contact the class teacher via email or inform the school office who will ask the teacher to make telephone contact with you.

Thank you



# School Uniform

Children should take pride in their appearance and wear their uniform correctly. This means shoes must be black, polo shirts tucked in and top buttons done up. Hair reaching shoulders should be tied back. Jewellery, excessive hair decorations, nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.

# Punctuality

**A good start generally leads to a good day**

- ▶ All siblings to arrive at the earliest starting time of eldest sibling. Collection will be the latest finishing time of the eldest sibling.
- ▶ All Year R children are to arrive at ***9.00am***.
- ▶ They are to be dropped off at the double gates next to Footsteps Nursery.
- ▶ For safety reasons, only school staff are allowed inside the building.
- ▶ Any late arrivals must report to the office before coming to the classroom.



# Communication



- ▶ If you would like a word with the teacher then please email [z.gallagher@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk](mailto:z.gallagher@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk). The teachers will try to respond within 2 working days if needed.
- ▶ Alternatively, please go to the school office to leave a message.
- ▶ Teachers are not able to talk to you in the morning but will arrange an appropriate time to talk/meet.

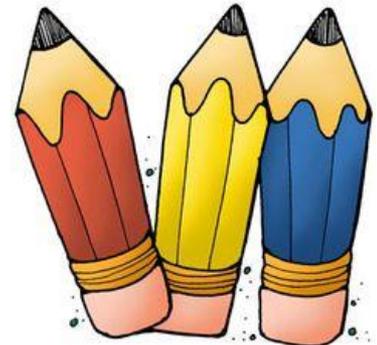
# Handle with Care



- ▶ If your family is experiencing difficulty at home, we would like to provide additional support at school. We understand that details are not always to be shared and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend please email the class teacher with the subject "Handle with Care". Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience, help, and a lot of love during the day.

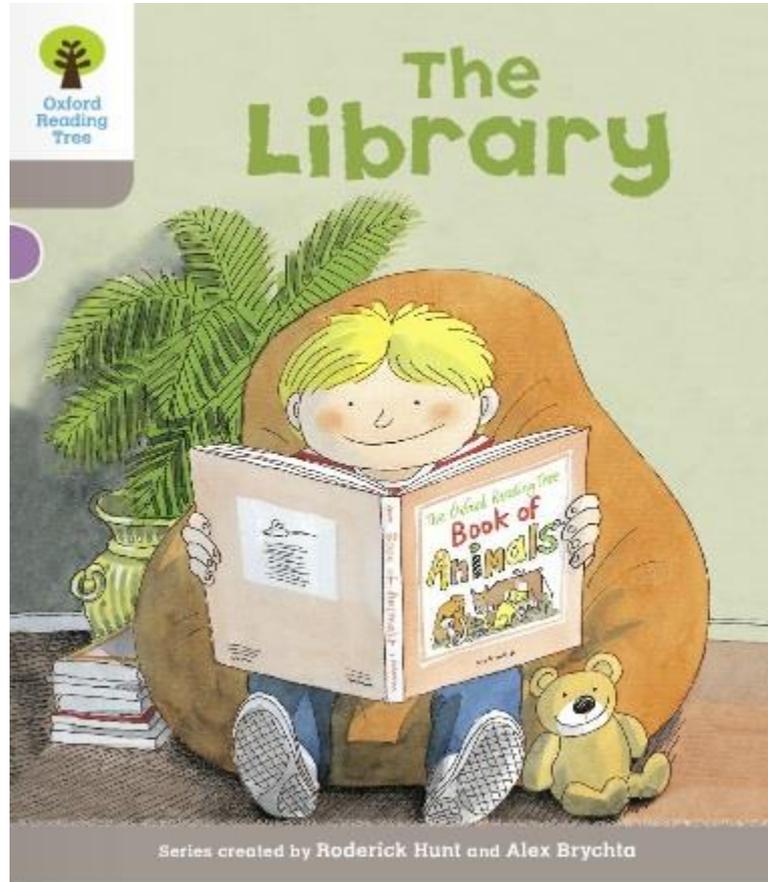
# Picking up

- ▶ School ends at 3:00pm and your child should be collected from the gates at Footsteps.
- ▶ Children are handed over to you. **Please inform the office or class teacher if anyone different is picking your child up.**
- ▶ Children attending the After School Club (ASC) will be taken by a member of staff every afternoon.
- ▶ Please try to tell your child if they are attending ASC to avoid any confusion at the end of the day.



# Organisation

- ▶ Bring the correct equipment and books to school: reading book and diary and zip wallet.



# Reading



- ▶ We try to hear every child read daily in our English lessons.
- ▶ Please make sure children have their books and reading diaries every Monday.
- ▶ Please listen to your child read daily and sign the reading record to indicate how much of the book they have read.

# P.E.



- ▶ P.E. in Year R is on Tuesday.
- ▶ Children are expected to come to school in their P.E. kits on their allocated PE day.
- ▶ All children will be expected to take part in P.E.
- ▶ Please write a note should your child be unable to take part.
- ▶ **Children with pierced ears must not wear earrings for P.E. and therefore must taped over or be taken out.**
- ▶ **Children with long hair should have their hair tied back or have a hair tie to do it themselves.**
- ▶ Children who do not have a P.E. kit or have pierced ears and cannot tape over or take their earrings out, will not be allowed to participate.

Please note: Teachers/School will contact parents if their child is unable to participate in P.E. lessons.



# PE Kit

As a reminder, for PE children should have:

A plain white or SJS logo T-Shirt

Blue shorts

Socks

Trainers (suitable for outdoor games)

A **navy** track suit for outdoor winter games. The round necked top should have the school logo.



# Homework



- ▶ The school is subscribed to many online educational resources and we are asking for a £6 contribution towards the cost of your child's use of these for homework.
- ▶ **Reading homework** is the biggest priority for our school and each child is expected to read every single night and log this in their Reading Record (name of book, pages read, parent comment/signature).
- ▶ Additionally, the online programme 'Oxford Tree Reading Buddy' will continue to be used to provide extra reading material at your child's level.



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- ▶ **Maths:** Each child also has access to a Mathletics account. This is closely linked to our Maths curriculum and this will be used each week. Teachers will set between 1–3 activities each week, depending on their classes needs.
- ▶ **Additionally, for all children, there will be one other task set.** This could include Topic, Art or Phonics and will be set on Purple Mash.

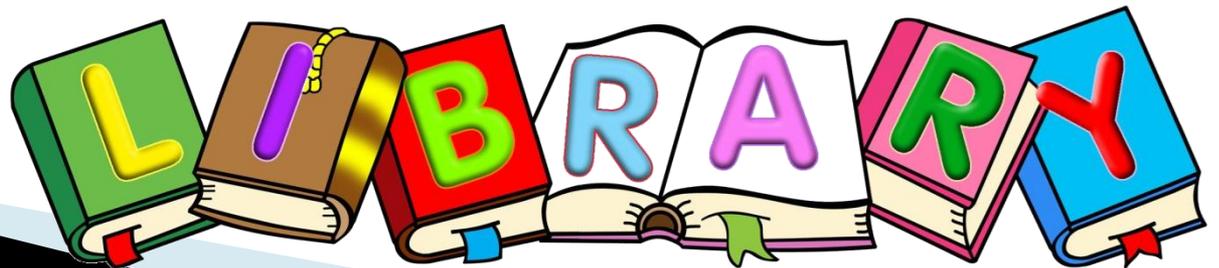


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- ▶ Class teachers will set all homework on the class Padlet Page each week so please check this each Monday.
- ▶ We understand that some weeks completing homework may be more difficult than others and we do not want this to be a source of arguments or frustration at home. Please communicate with class teachers about any issues and we can work together to find a solution.

# Library

- ▶ Children may take books from the school library:
  - Year R's Library Day is Tuesday
- ▶ Please remind your child to return their books each week. Children who do not return their book will not be able to get a new one.



# Allergies, medicines, concerns

- ▶ Although there is a central record of information, please communicate any relevant allergies / conditions / medications to the new teacher.
  - ▶ Please keep your child's teacher informed of any changes in home circumstances that may affect their time at school.
  - ▶ Please talk to your child's class teacher about any concerns you have regarding your child.
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## Concerns

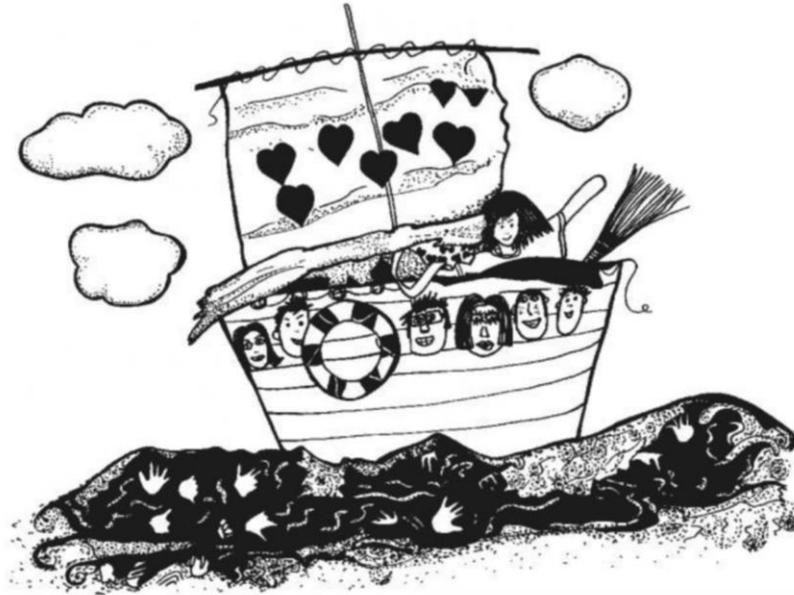
A polite reminder- if you have any concerns about your child's education or activities at school, please direct them to the class teacher so that we can deal with them promptly and effectively.

No news is good news!!

We will always contact you if there are any serious issues or concerns about your children.

Thank you for viewing this power point.  
We are looking forward to working with  
you and your children this year.

**Mission Statement**



*We are growing together on our journey of achievement with Jesus in our hearts,  
heads and hands.*

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