

## Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 7

### Covid-19 Update

#### A Message from the DfE regarding self-isolation:

If you have been asked by Public Health England to self-isolate, we need to remind you that this is a legal requirement. The reason you or your children are being asked to self-isolate is because we want to stop the spread of the virus.

There are significant penalties for people who do not adhere to the self-isolation guideline. Self-isolation means that the person concerned cannot leave their home or garden. A self-isolating person can travel in the household car as long as they do not leave the car or come into contact with anyone from another household. They cannot visit other households or, for children, accompany parents to the shops.

### Pick-up and Collection

Our revised morning drop-off times seem to be working well and thank you for your continued support. We will continue to review our procedures regularly.

Please remember to park near the school with consideration for other road users and pedestrians. Once you have dropped off your children, we would encourage you to move away from the areas immediately outside the school, both as a pedestrian and a driver, to help maintain social distancing.

### Baby News!



We are very pleased to welcome Stanley George Groves, who was born on Monday. We send out thoughts, congratulations and prayers to Mr Groves and his wife. The family are doing very well and will enjoy some time together over the next three weeks. Mr Groves will be back with us in school after half term.

### Ofsted Update

As a whole community of staff and governors, we continue to work through our Ofsted Action Plans and have successfully completed actions allocated to this term.

We have asked the children to tell us how they feel about their return to school. With minimal exceptions, children have told us they feel safe, they have not been bullied and they are happy to be back. They know what to do if they feel unsafe and they understand behaviours expected of them.

Staff continue to monitor all behaviour issues and let parents know sooner rather than later if they feel there are issues arising. We are happy to report that children are keeping to the school rules and have adapted to 'Covid-safe' schooling amazingly well.

Thank you for your support as always.

### Out of the mouth of babes...

Thank you God for enabling me to be back at school, back with my friends and to be able to be the person who I really am. (St Francis' Pupil, this week)



We were very pleased to welcome Father Richard, the new parish priest, to our school this week. Each class had made him a welcome card and he is pictured here with some of our year 2 pupils.

We look forward to seeing Father Richard in school (socially distanced of course) in the future.

## School Admissions Sept 2021 Year 7 and Reception

If your child is in year 6, you need to have applied for a secondary school place by **31 October 2020**. For those with children starting reception class in September 2019, you have until **15 January 2021**. Please email the office for any help or advice.

**If your child is a baptised Catholic, please give the school a copy of the certificate.**

## Please Note: Additional Information

We attach any flyers which we think you might find of interest to the end of this newsletter. Please continue scrolling down to see them.

## And Finally...

On 16 October, 1950, a famous children's book was published for the very first time. Its author was a quiet and unassuming Oxford don, who counted JRR Tolkien among his friends. His novel is a much loved and beautifully compelling allegory of the redemption of the world through the crucifixion of Christ and is entitled 'The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe'.



CS Lewis was a reluctant convert to Christianity. He wrote movingly about his conversion in his autobiographical book, 'Surprised by Joy':

*You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen [College, Oxford], night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly feared had at last come upon me. In the Trinity Term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England.*

Have a safe and restful weekend



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## Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400\* a year!

\*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.

Check if you're eligible and start saving today!

Head to:  
[www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

Or speak to your school office.

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