



NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Parents,

At the end of the first week of the summer term, it has been lovely to have some sunshine to cheer us up – even if it has still been quite chilly! We have had a very calm week at school and the children have again excelled in just being their unique little selves – making school a delightful place to be.

Covid 19: As I am sure you are all aware, the instances of Covid infections across Bracknell have continued to fall over the holiday, as has the transmission rate. This, combined with the impressive roll out of the vaccination programme, gives us hope that there are brighter times ahead for us all. Local authorities are still advising not having any parent events on site for the summer term and indeed indicating that this may continue into the autumn term. It is therefore important that we all continue to maintain the Covid procedures we have in place. We have yet again updated the [school's risk assessment](#). Some of the changes are:

- the compulsory shielding of extremely critically vulnerable has stopped and all should be back at school
- Outdoor competition & indoor competition between different schools can take place. This term we will have many external coaches taking classes for different sporting activities.
- Guitar lessons will take place in Y4, 5 & 6
- Schools' educational visits can resume. St. Joseph's will give each potential trip serious consideration after evaluation of the risks.

Social distancing is still an important factor in our journey to defeat this virus. Please continue to wear a face mask when on school grounds. The children should still not be having playdates or sleepovers and any socialising should be a maximum of two households and only outdoors.

Timekeeping: Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) start school at 8.30am, Key Stage 2 (Year 1&2) @ 8.45am and YR at

8.50am. There are a number of children who are frequently late – this has a knock-on effect on the whole class as lessons are either delayed or disrupted. Please try to be on time.

Also, there are children who are arriving very early. The school gates open just after 8.25am. Your child/ren should not arrive before this time to prevent any unnecessary risk of bubbles mixing.

School Calendar: The school holidays for the next two years have been set. They are available on the school website – [School Term Dates & Calendar](#)

OUR CHILDREN ENJOY:

- Social interaction with friends in a safe space
- Building confidence through learning new skills
- Keeping active with a wide range of activities
- Enhanced wellbeing with fun activities that help reduce stress and anxiety
- Fun and energising sports and team games outside of the every day school and home environment

Our jam-packed Holiday Camp programmes ensure children have opportunities to enjoy lots of activity, new games, creative arts and crafts, screen free time, build up their confidence, resilience, and much more!

Summer Club: St Josephs are aware that this year many families may be unable to have their usual summer family holiday and that you may wish for your child to have a fun week/s at a club. Therefore, we are presently investigating if we have enough children to have a summer club (Fit for Sport) here at St. Josephs. This club will be run by an external provider. I have also included a sample of what the

fit for sport
The Trusted Provider during COVID-19
"to learn to be active!"

Sample Day

Time	Activity	Activity Type
8:30-10:00	Extended Day Fun Factory	Crafty Kids
10:00-10:45	Super Sports	Activity Challenge
10:45-11:00	Healthy Snacks	Outdoor Teamastics
11:00-11:45	Activity Challenge	Outdoor Teamastics
11:45-12:30	Super Sports	Super Sports/ Fit Factor
12:30-1:00	Lunch Time	Extended Day Fun Factory
1:00-1:45	Outdoor Teamastics	Healthy Snacks/ Lunch Time
1:45-2:30	Pit Factor	
2:30-2:45	Healthy Snacks	
2:45-3:30	Crafty Kids	
3:30-4:30	Super Sports & Goodbye Games	
4:30-5:30	Extended Day Fun Factory	

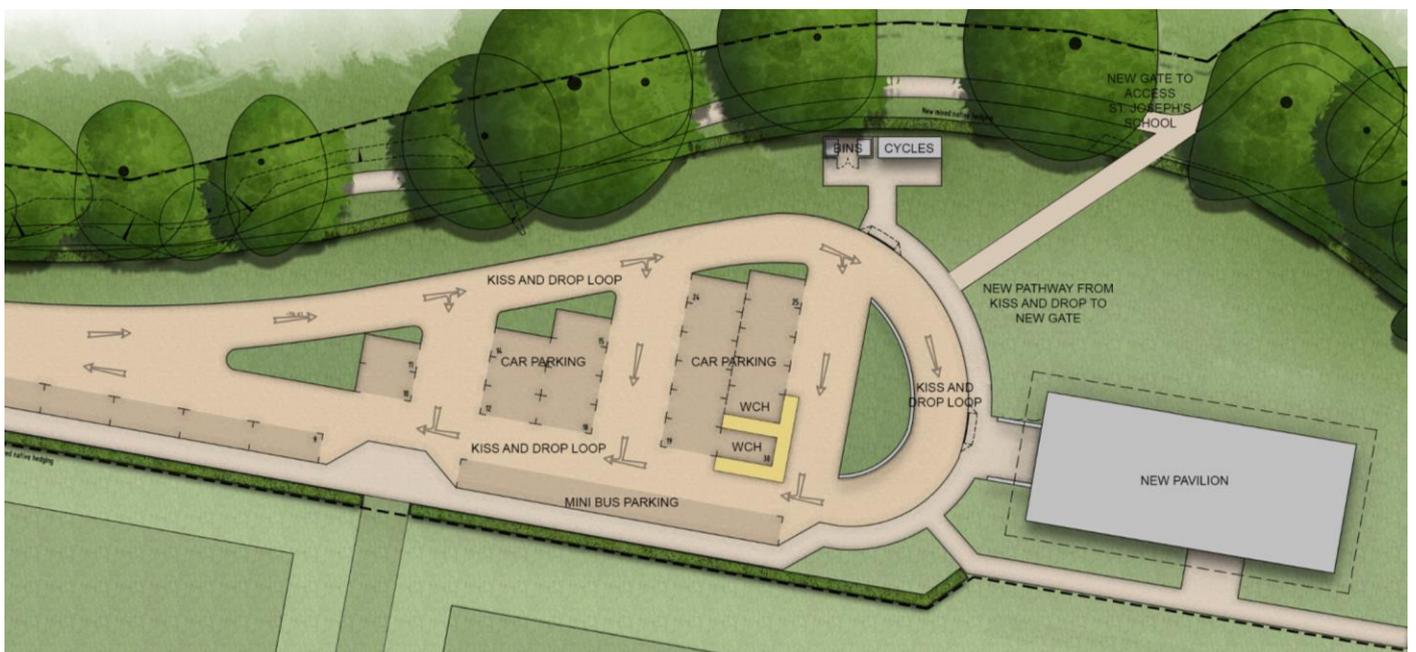
club may offer. You could book one day, week or a

whole month. If interested, please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible on:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StJosephsBracknell>

Bracknell Football Club: There has been some concern expressed over the proposed planning of housing on the Bracknell Football Club (BFC) site. The BFC have been very generous in the past number of

years by allowing our parents to park on their site free of charge. BFC are aware of our school's parking needs and when planning the move to Ranelagh field, they have been working with the school. Parents will be allowed to use their new parking facility. The following images show how the school's parents will still have parking as well as a new proposed kiss and drop area with potential side entrance to the school.



The Big Ask: You may have read in the press or social media this week that the Government's Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that they can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. For us to try and get all the children to complete this survey in school would be very time consuming and difficult – especially at the moment with us not being able to allow different bubbles to use the computer suite on the same day. Therefore, if you would like your child to participate and contribute, please follow the link below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Parents, carers, and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. This can be accessed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/> The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

God Bless and Stay Safe,

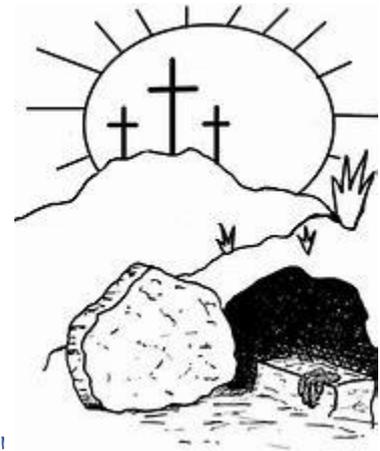
Mrs. J. Dunlop

Headteacher

Reflection:

The earth shook with the news.

He is not here;



He is risen!

And in that moment

Joy replaced despair

Hope pushed past fear

Life conquered death.

Not just that day but for eternity.

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ

*For what it meant then and what it means for us
everyday;*

A sacrifice

That brings

Forgiveness, renewal and peace

To any of us who put our faith in Jesus.