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St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

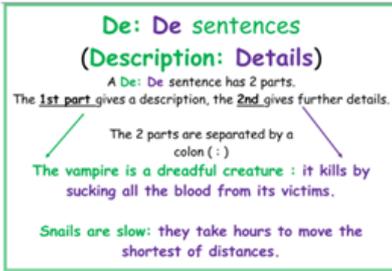
Friday 15th January 2021

**Dear Parents**

What a brilliant start we have had with remote learning over the past fortnight. This week, nearly all children attended three lessons a day and handed in all their work on Google Classroom. The teachers are so impressed and thankful for the amount of support you are giving your children with their learning at home during this busy time. This is an incredible start and we can only get even better! Thank you to all teaching staff, parents and children for all you have done to make this happen. Please remember that, even though your child is learning from home, we are still here for you, so do get in touch if we can help in any way.

**With best wishes Mrs. O'Reilly and Mrs. Jackson**

**Year 6—Remote Learning...**



- 1) Mr Tom was like a father to Willie: he never got angry with him and always tried to make him happy.
- 2) Mr Oakley showed kindness: he acted as if Willie was his own son.
- 3) Willie was overwhelmed: he couldn't believe all the good things Mr Tom was doing for him.
- 4) The villagers were in shock: they couldn't believe that Mr Tom was looking after Willie.



Fossil 1

- 1. Which modern species do you think this animal is related to and why?
- 2. How do you think it is different to its modern-day relative?

- 1) I believe that this animal is related to a dragonfly mainly because of its wings.
- 2) It is different because it has a stinger like a bee, which dragonflies do not have.



Fossil 3

- 1. Which modern species do you think this animal is related to and why?
- 2. How do you think it is different to its modern-day relative?

- 1) I think that this animal is related to a snake because of its long body. It could also be related to an insect because of the legs.
- 2) It's different because the head is larger and it has tiny legs on the body.

1) What is a fossil?  
 2) How are fossils made?  
 3) Why are fossils useful?  
 4) Give some examples of what fossils can teach us.

Fossils are the remains or traces of animals and plants. They form by a process called Fossilization.

Fossils are useful because they help us decipher the history of the earth and for scientists it is easier to find out what animal it is by identifying the fossil.

Fossils can teach us how long life has existed on earth and how all the plants in the world can be related to each other in some way. Fossils can also tell us a lot about the past.

First after the animal dies the soft parts rot away like the muscle but the hard parts of the body like the skeleton are left behind. Then overtime more layers of sediment cover the bones and the sediment around the bone forms a rock. Water then come to the bone and dissolves it quickly making it a fossil.

**Megalosaurus (1676)**  
 Megalosaurus was the first dinosaur fossil discovered (in England in 1676). It was also the first dinosaur given a scientific name - by William Buckland in 1824. Megalosaurus walked on two powerful legs, had a strong, short neck, and a large head with sharp serrated teeth.

**Applying for Reception and Nursery places for September 2021.**

The deadline to complete the online application for a Reception place starting September 2021 is **today - 15th January 2021.**

Please ensure you have applied on line at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

We also need a supplementary information form returned to us, which can be found on our school website.

If you are applying for a Nursery place in September 2021, please complete the supplementary information form on our website and return it to us. You can download this form, then scan and email it back to us or return it in the post. You can also return them to the school office in person.

**Please remember that if your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still apply for a place in Reception.** If you know friends or family that want to apply for places, please remind them of the deadline so they don't miss out!

**Free School Meal / Pupil Premium Reminder**

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, please do let us know or apply at <https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/> to see if your child is eligible.

The government have announced that, from next week, a school voucher scheme will be re-introduced for those children eligible for Free School Meals. Please do bear with us and be patient while the government sets this scheme up for all of our pupils who are eligible. We will keep you posted by text and email as soon as we have any further information from the government about the voucher scheme.

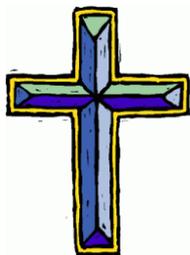
Even if you do not take a Free School Meal, or your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and gets a Free School Meal from the Government, please still apply as there is additional funding available to the school for every eligible child. Thank you.

If you, or anyone at home, get a positive COVID-19 test, please let us know by emailing the school at: [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

Our school website address is [www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

## Our Prayer...

Loving Father,  
give us the courage to follow  
you, so that by our words and  
actions we may be witnesses to  
your love. Grant this through  
Christ our Saviour.  
Amen



## Important dates for your diary...

**Monday 15th February to Friday 19th**

**February - Half Term**

**Friday 26th February - Academic Review Day**

**Thursday 4th March - World Book Day**

**Friday 26th March - Non-uniform Day**

## Zoom...

Please do not record your  
child's ZOOM lessons on  
any device. Our teachers  
do not give permission for  
their lessons to be  
recorded. Thank you for  
your help with this :)



## What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus...

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result.

1. To arrange a test you should visit [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
2. **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
3. Please let the Head of School (Mrs O'Reilly) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **020 7242 7712**
4. If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and  
continuous cough

or



high  
temperature

or



loss of, or change in,  
your normal sense of  
taste or smell (anosmia)

Please visit the 'Learning from home' section of our school website for videos which teach you how to use Google Classroom.

## Learning From Home



Click the Google Classroom image to take you to the login page

Watch how to login, find and complete work on Google Classroom

Watch how to use Google Classroom on an iPad

Watch how to upload a photo of your work to Google Classroom using a TABLET OR SMARTPHONE

Watch how to upload a photo of your work to Google Classroom using a CHROMEBOOK

Watch how to upload a photo of your work to Google Classroom using a WINDOWS LAPTOP

What is our approach to remote education provision? A guide for parents

One very useful video teaches you how to upload a photo of work to submit to the teacher on Google Classroom. This means work can be completed away from the screen and uploaded when you are ready.

A reminder that we are not using Google Classroom for parents to communicate with teachers. This is just for children's work.

We are, of course, really happy to answer any questions, no matter how small :)

Do phone the school office to ask any questions you might have, or email us at [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

If you are worried about something, talk to us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one.

We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

## Headphones...

You might like to buy some headphones for your child to use when they are taking part in their lessons on Zoom. This helps your child to block out other sounds, so they are not disturbed by noise from the lesson of a sibling. Headphones with microphones can be bought quite cheaply, and we do recommend that you invest in a pair for your child.



## Reading...

The best research for many years tells us that the children who do best in school practise reading the most. Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path with all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This, in turn, means that a child who does not succeed with reading has a poorer life chance and fewer opportunities as an adult. Please ensure that your child is reading every day at home. Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 minutes every day is time very well spent.



Please remember to read every day on Bug Club!

