



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 6th April 2020

A Prayer for Holy Week

Jesus, Walk with us.

*May we feel the comfort
of your love for us.*



Holy Week

*May we turn outwards
to share that love with
others,
with the same generosity
and gentle loving
kindness
that you showed to all.*

*Walk with us Jesus,
Amen*

Vouchers for Children on Free School Meals

The Government have provided food vouchers for families who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals. These vouchers can be exchanged for food from some supermarkets.

If you are eligible for these vouchers, you will have received a text message from school asking you to confirm your email address. This is so that the voucher can be sent to you through your email address. If we do not receive a confirmation of your email address, you will receive a paper voucher.

The vouchers will be sent for the week beginning 20th April, as they are for term-time only. The Government is going to provide information this week about additional support for the Easter Holidays.

Please note: When schools have been open in normal circumstances, the Government have provided a free school meal to all children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2. **However, the voucher scheme only applies to children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.** If you have not registered for free school meals—then you must do it now. We cannot give you a voucher unless you are registered.

If you have recently become eligible for benefits, you must also register for free school meals to receive your food voucher.

Please go to <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

Contact us: Headteacher: Mrs C Markham

Email: office@stjosephsbradford.bradford.sch.uk

Address: Park Lane, Bradford, BD5 0RB

Tel: 01274 727 970

Easter Holidays

Teachers have been working hard to provide work, activities and ideas for all the children. They have been phoning and emailing families, and have been really happy that they have been able to speak to so many children. If you have not been in contact, please email your teacher to say hello, they would love to hear from you!



Staff have also been providing childcare for critical workers and delivering food to some families. *Such roles are above and beyond what staff need to do and I am very grateful for their commitment and care.*

Teachers need to be able to have some time to concentrate on their own families, their own health and prepare further learning resources for your children. I have asked that they do not send or respond to any emails from Wednesday 9th April to Monday 20th April.



During this time there are lots of links and ideas for activities on the school's website.

There will be further work packs available from the week beginning 20th April and we will be providing details about how you can access these.

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. It is even more important at the moment that children and families stay at home. Children should not be playing outside with other children. If people do not follow the social distancing rules, then the Government will have to introduce even further restrictions. Our NHS cannot cope with further increases in people in hospital and in intensive care.

I know that it is very difficult having the children in the house all the time, but this is what we can do to contribute to the safety of other people and to ensure that the NHS can save lives. This time will come to an end.

Be hopeful. Be kind. Keep praying.

STAY HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

SAVE LIVES