



SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Please do read on for up-to-date news + happenings at St Joseph's Pre-school

☺ Our (almost) Monthly Newsletter keeps you up to date on all happenings at St Joe's Preschool

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (see below for further info):-

Saturday 28th September – Tabletop Sale at St Joe's 10am to 1pm

Monday 28th Sept to Friday 1st November – HALF TERM WEEK – PRESCHOOL CLOSED

MORE DATES TO FOLLOW – WE ARE JUST TAKING THIS HALF TERM TO FIND OUR FEET!!!

Our new Premises!!

So, Argyle Morley UR Church is now officially our new home, and we hope you love it as much as we do! It will take us all a little while to get used to the change and to establish new ways of managing things, so please do bear with us as we settle in!

A few important things to keep in mind that will help us along the way....

- We still have to set up on a Monday and then pack everything away on the Friday and our storage space is quite tight, so please help us by making sure you empty your child's basket on the last day that they attend in a week. (we stack them up to pack them away!)
- Please also remember any coats, buggies, bags etc so that we are not left storing more than we need to! (especially at the weekends)
- Please be patient if we don't get to the door right away, but if we don't hear the doorbell, or the gates are still locked and you can't get through, then just give us a call on the mobile (07495624643)
- Please remember to label your child's coats, lunch boxes, bags, and anything else they might easily lose! This will help us make sure everyone gets the right things back at the end of the day.
- Please note that the Car Park is available to use for drop-offs first thing in the morning and then at 12 noon and after 3pm BUT it is also our outdoor play area and so the gates will be locked at 9.30am and only reopened at 12 for a short time, and not again until 3pm.
- It is lovely to be able to talk to parents at drop off and pick up times, but please also be aware that supervising the children is the staff's top priority, and there are times (especially Lunch times) when it is essential that we have enough staff focusing on the children. Please therefore try to limit conversations at these times 🙏 Thank you!

Our GoFundMe is still Going!!

So, we have the new space, and we raised an amazing £2455 to support the move, but moving is also expensive! We are still in the process of getting our phone and internet lines transferred, the dishwasher fitted, and a new large shed erected to store all our outdoor stuff safely and accessibly. We are discovering more things that we need as we go along, such as stairgates, dividers, radiator covers, and extra security locks to make it all even safer. If you haven't done so already, then please consider a small donation to support us on our new adventure! You can pop some pennies in our jar by the door or donate via this link:

<https://gofund.me/71f47b55> THANK YOU!!

NEW OFSTED REGISTRATION NUMBER

Now that we have registered here at Argyle Morley, we have a new Ofsted Registration Number too. It is now **2808462**

This will mean that we will be registered under this number for Tax free childcare payments too and it might even take them a while to update the system. Don't worry, you will be able to make payments this way again soon!

THE BEST LAID PLANS!!

Despite trying to be as organised as possible, the move from St Joseph's has been far more complicated and harder work that we could possibly have anticipated! (30 years of 'stuff' to sort and move!!)

Consequently, we are still without full WiFi (Virgin's fault, not ours!) and we are still awaiting a shed to store all our outside equipment in. This is kindly being donated by 'Amey', some of whose wonderful staff also helped us with our move!! Hopefully, both the storage and the WiFi/landline connections will be installed soon. And we will post some pictures of all the amazing people who helped make it all happen!

Promoting Healthy Packed Lunches – As we start the new term in our new premises, we would like to suggest that we all embrace a new challenge and work hard at encouraging our children to eat good healthy lunches!! There are leaflets with lots of idea and suggestions in the baskets by the door. And well done to everyone who already have such healthy lunches!

Letting us know about absences - We know we may seem to pester you a lot when we notice that you are not in on your allotted days. Indeed, there is no Legal obligation to send your children to preschool at all. BUT Regular attendance gets the children into a **Good Routine** for school (where it is a legal obligation that your child attends) Also, letting us know where you are (be it sick or just chilling!) stops us worrying that something else is amiss! (Especially when there may not be anyone else to check in on you and see that you are ok!)

TABLETOP SALE back at St Joe's – Sat Sept 28th 10am to 1pm

We will be having a table to sell off some of our excess toys and equipment at St Joes's Car Boot/Tabletop Sale on Saturday 28th September, 10am to 1pm! Our stall will include a Lucky Dip (Some for adults and some for children!) Try your luck for just £1 each. 😊 We will also have a prize every time Jam Jar Tombola for 50p a go. Do come along and support us!!

PLEASE NOTE: We don't charge anything for 'consumables' but we do suggest that everyone tries to make a small contribution to our Snack time in the way of some fruit or breadsticks etc every once in a while

Don't have time to shop for Snack time donations? We now have a SumUp Card Reader for quick cash contributions! OR pop your loose change in our Donation Jar and we will take some of the children shopping to get things for our Snack Time!! We have just reintroduced a second scrolling Snack Bar during the afternoon session, so your donations will be very useful!!

If your child will be due to start Primary school next September, then the deadline for applications is 15th January 2025. Lots of the school are having their Open Days for you to look around NOW, so do check out with the schools you are interested in if you want to take a look before you decide! We will try and send out a list of the nearest school open days when we have all the info.

ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR YEAR 2024 to 2025

Term 1: 2 September 2024 to 25 October 2024

Term 2: 4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024

Term 3: 6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025

Term 4: 24 February 2025 - 4 April 2025

Term 5: 22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025

Term 6: 2 June 2025 to 22 July 2025

NB: WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR SIX IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS DURING THE YEAR.

(The first of these were on Monday and Tuesday 2nd/3rd September)

We have 2 further in-service training days on Tuesday 22nd April and Tuesday 6th May.

We will advise of the last two dates as soon as we can!

We also close for Bank Holidays. (But most bank holidays fall in non-term time anyway!)

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