



ST EDWARD'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents /Carers,

We have reached the end of a busy and exciting week. It really was a pleasure to welcome all of the children back to school on Monday. Our school once again was filled with smiling faces and the happy sounds of children working. There was such a buzz around the school.

Just to give you advance notice, **St Joseph's Feast Day** will be celebrated in school on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. This day will be the final day of our novena to St Joseph. Throughout the day, children will participate in prayer and mark the end of the feast day with a collective act of worship.

**Red Nose Day / Comic Relief** falls on the same day this year. In order to embrace the importance of the work carried out by all charities through Comic Relief, we invite the children to come to school wearing their own clothes (something red if they wish) on **19<sup>th</sup> March**. If your child has PE on this day, then they can wear their own sports clothes. If you would like to make a donation, there will be a bucket provided during drop off and collection at the start and end of the school day. Any donations are greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

In the interest of health and safety, please can we remind parents and carers not to use the school car park in particular when dropping off and collecting pupils from school.

Finally, we launched our "St Edward's Catholic Primary School" Facebook page earlier today. This is a great opportunity to share and celebrate all the exciting things that happen each and every day in or school. Don't forget to pay us a visit!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox



### Faith Space



We continue to journey through Lent with Jesus, using our Lenten promise as a path back to him. Our act of worship, this week, focussed on the optional reading from Sunday's Mass, where Jesus spoke to the woman at the well. This can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/worshipping-together-at-home/>. Our video liturgy will no longer be shared as, now we are back in school (thankfully!), we will worship together live. Other prayer and worship resources will be shared regularly but please do ask if you would like any further support with your prayer life at home.

Y3/4C's faith outreach from last week, and all others, can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>. How are you doing with our Walking for Water appeal? Please send in any photographs you take from your daily walks and we can share them on our social media platforms. This CAFOD initiative is something that we are driving in school too.

Our Novena to St. Joseph began this week. The reflections are shared on our social media if you would like to join your prayers with ours. We also say the following prayer daily: **St. Joseph, Watch over me and care for me, Just as you cared for the child Jesus; And, by your help, May I come to know your Son and grow, In strength, And wisdom, And the favour of God. Amen.**

Upcoming feasts: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 14th; St. Patrick - 17th; St. Joseph - 19th

### Year 6

We would like to start our weekly summary with a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children. They have come back into school with such mature and hard-working attitudes. We are so glad to see each of you chatting, laughing and playing with your friends - it has been a delight and a sight that we have really missed.

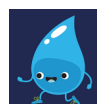
It has been an action-packed week: Monday began with PE led by Teesside Lions Basketball Club. It was excellent to see the children thriving and learning new skills - we certainly have some budding basketballers! This week, our focus has continued to be around "A Long Walk to Water" which links closely to our Lenten initiative - 'Walking for Water.' We have been getting to know so much more about the continent of Africa and the adventures that the main character of the book, Salva, is journeying on. In Maths, we have begun our new topic of Measures which has helped some of us greatly when we calculated the weights and proportions of ingredients needed in order to bake cupcakes - the results were delicious!

In preparation for the feast of St Joseph, we have created an altar decorated with lilies symbolising St Joseph's purity. We composed prayers with our special intentions asking St Joseph to watch over and care for us.



### Year 5

This week we were delighted to welcome back all of the year five children for face to face lessons. They arrived with smiles on their faces and enjoyed catching up with all of their friends. The pupils have shown resilience and determination in all aspects of school life, getting back into a routine and engaging in the curriculum. We began our novena to St. Joseph, each day building up our altar through prayer. We have been studying the mystery novel, The Secret Lake and have enjoyed making inferences and predictions as well as writing descriptive settings. In maths, we revised the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and practised our times tables. The pupils created some beautiful prayers linked to our CAFOD Walk for Water campaign and in Science, we made comparisons between the life cycles of mammals and researched the work of scientist, Jane Goodall, producing some fantastic biographies. In Geography, we planned a holiday of a lifetime to Brazil - no expenses spared! Now we just need to persuade Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Brown to allow us to go there for a school trip!



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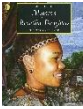
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### Year 3 / 4

This week Year 3/4 have continued to enjoy our Geography theme week learning about the country Zimbabwe. We have completed reading Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, predicting what we think might happen at the end of the story. In line with our theme week, we have been learning more about the work of Cafod. The children have created informative posters persuading people to help this important charity. This also linked in with the laps of the playground we have been completing for Walk for Water. In Maths, we have been learning how to read and interpret data from line graphs as well as plot data on line graphs. The children have worked very hard to develop their skills in this area. We thought carefully about our actions during Lent and how we can be more like Jesus putting other people first. The year 4 children thought about the things in life that they think are important such as love and family. It has been so wonderful to have the children back in classroom. We are very proud of the resilience shown by all during this lockdown.



### Year 2

It has been a fantastic first week back for all of our Year 2 pupils! Not only have they shown their hard-working attitude they have also been so excited to see all of their friends. Within English, we began reading "The Magic Faraway Tree." The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story so far and have been able to produce some descriptive settings using expanded nouns and similes.

Within Maths, we have continued to focus on Fractions including using a number line to sequence fractions. We have even been adding and subtracting fractions with a common denominator. The children responded very well to this Challenge!

Within R.E, we created our own liturgical dance based on "Holy Lord God of Hosts" by John Burland. We also began our Novena to St. Joseph. The children have enjoyed this special time each day to focus, pray and reflect. It has been an amazing week for Year 2.



We are so happy to have everybody back together once again.  
Well done Year 2!



### Year 1

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of our Year 1 children this week. They have settled in to school life really well and have enjoyed catching up with their peers after such a long time apart.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading the story *Man on the Moon - A Day in the Life of Bob* by Simon Bartram. They have thought about lots of questions to ask Bob and together we composed a letter asking all about life on the moon. In maths, we have continued with our work on measurement looking closely at weight and mass. They had a lot of fun using balance scales to weigh objects using cubes - it took 61 cubes to balance a teddy bear on the scales!  
Wow!



We are really enjoying taking part in our novena to St Joseph and adding to our novena altar each day.

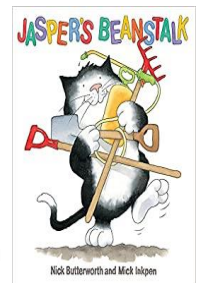


### EYFS – Nursery & Reception

We have absolutely loved welcoming all the children back into Reception this week. We are so proud, as always, of how the children have transitioned back into school. We have had so much fun catching up with our friends and discussing what we have enjoyed about learning from home. In maths, we have continued to learn about measures by measuring spring animals. Well done Reception for a fantastic first week back!



In Nursery, we continue with our "Growing & Spring" theme. We enjoyed listening to "Jasper's Beanstalk" and planted some of our own runner-bean seeds in see-through pots. We have thought about different ways in which we can grow to be more like Jesus and we have all added a leaf to the nursery Lenten Tree. We had lots of fun making a little surprise to take home for Mother's Day!



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