



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

06/11/2020 Newsletter

In FS1, we remember!



Dear Parents.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. The children have written prayers and thought about people that have died that they would like us to remember during this month.



Y3

Y3 were excited to use the brand new glockenspiels this week. They got to have 1 each! They kept in time while doing there Charange Tees Valley Music lesson!



Term Planner.

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Y5

This week, Year 5 enjoyed playing basketball with the Teesside Lions! They thoroughly enjoyed the session and their skills are improving already!



Little Joey's

Little Joeys have enjoyed a creative week of sparkles and colours. The children have baked twinkling star biscuits, bonfire cakes and made super chocolate marshmallow sparklers. These activities have complimented our shared story of the week which was "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".



KS1

KS1 will have a zoom call from Rebecca Patterson, a published author on Tuesday 10th November. There will be an opportunity to ask lots of questions and even purchase some of her books.

FS1

FS1 explored the importance of baptism and role played welcoming a new baby into god's loving family.



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Covid-19 Arrangements.

Arrangements for drop off and pick up seem to be working since our return after half term. We received new guidance on Wednesday, it does stress that parents should not remain on the school site any longer than necessary so please leave the site immediately upon dropping children off or collecting them. A reminder that children are not allowed to leave with anyone under the age of 16 so please do not send siblings to classroom windows as teachers will only release children from classrooms when they have seen the adult collecting the child. Parents must minimise physical contact with school, if you have a question or an issue, please email enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk

Remembrance Day

We always commemorate Remembrance Day at St Joseph's and although we can't have parents in, the children will be able to see Y6's assembly which they will record for classes.

Y6

Year 6 started the week by working with a partner to find information about what living through the Blitz was like through reading diary extracts. The children found out lots of key information ready to use in their diary extracts next week. We finished the week off by re-enacting our own air raid attack, the children had to hide under tables whilst listening to the sirens and bombs, we then discussed how we felt as a class.



Balance Bikes

FS2 will have another balance bike session next Tuesday. They enjoyed learning to balance last week!

Curriculum Newsletters.

Teachers will send you this half term's newsletters on Tuesday next week.

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Times Tables Rockstars Challenge.

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th .

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours - some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support and good luck to St Joseph's!



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Children in Need.

We will have Bubble Bingos next Friday afternoon in order to raise some money for Children in Need and school funds. Again, we are busily working out how we can all have games of bingo but have ideas for picture bingos and phonic bingos so the children can play in their bubbles. It won't be the same as our famous school bingos but should be fun for the children. Please pay £3 per child via Parent Pay. This will include a drink and a biscuit and bingo boards! School uniform as normal.



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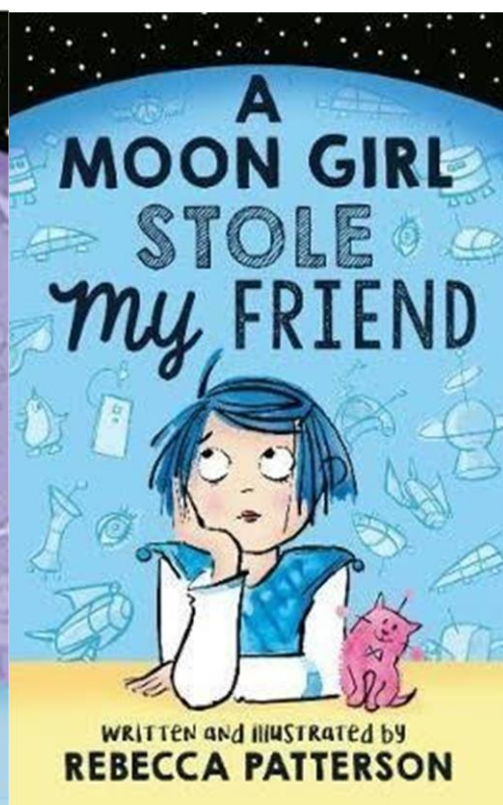




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Author Visit

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Y4

Year 4 have started their new PE topic of gymnastics this week. We have tested our balance, flexibility and co-ordination skills, working effectively in small groups to avoid the deadly, shark infested water! However, we may have lost a few arms and legs along the way...



Rockstars

Y2 - Oliver
Y3 - Ellie
Y5 - Scarlett
Y6 - Ellie S

House of the Week

1st - St Anthony -
2nd - Our Lady-
3rd - St Cuthbert -
4th - St Joseph -

Marvellous Me.

It is a really quick way of sending information. If you haven't signed up, please contact the school office so you don't miss anything.

Stars of the Week

2YO - Amelia
FS1 - Elkie & Freddie
FS2 - Genevieve & Cimmera
Y1 - Alexis & Abigail
Y2 - Isaac & Lucy M
Y3 - Logan & Jolie
Y4 - Ollie & Isabelle
Y5 - Violet & Maisie
Y6 - Matthew A & Matthew C

This week's focus was Behavior.

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