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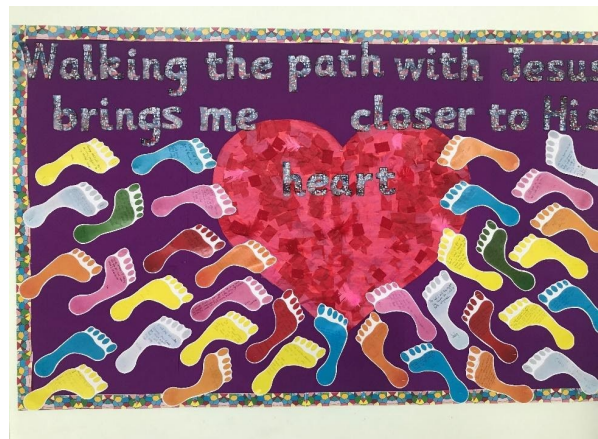
Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children next week. Please make sure that you have read our letter regarding the full reopening of school, it can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact school as soon as possible.

A huge thank you to parents for your support during lockdown, I appreciate how difficult home schooling has been for you. I must also thank school staff for their continued hard work, St Joseph's is very lucky to have such a hard working team.

Lent

We are now in the liturgical season of Lent. Children in school have made their Lenten promises and are working hard to stick to them!



World Book Day

Thanks to you all for your creativity with costumes, the children looked great both at home and at school. Thanks to Miss Ayton for this year's theme 'Share a Story'. Throughout the day, children and staff enjoyed downtime to read their books. The children were curious to see staff reading and had lots of questions about their book choices.

Children also enjoyed completing Miss Ayton's emoji book quiz. Well done to everyone who took part. There were 6 children who scored 20/20 and they were:

Y1 - George, Jack

Y2 - Lucy D

Y3 - Daisy

Y6 - Katie, Chloe

There will be a little prize for each of you!

Zoom

Y2 children took part in a Zoom meeting with Danby Lodge today. This was part of their 'From Field to Fork' topic. They learnt about where their food comes from and were very knowledgeable.

3rd Sunday of Lent

In this week's reading, we hear about the transfiguration of Jesus from Mark's Gospel.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

There are some lovely ideas for children in this week's NPCAT family resource leaflet.

<https://npcat.org.uk/family-prayer/>

There is a short video that retells this story for children as well as some lovely activities.

<https://youtu.be/sT-S1F3gsVI>

Let's Count

I am sure you are all aware of the *Census* that is taking place on Sunday 21st March. As a school, we have signed up to Let's count! This is going to be a whole school focus across next week. A leaflet will be sent home on Monday with more detail about what we will be covering. On Monday, the children will be given a challenge to complete across the week, where they will be counting things '**That Matter to Us**', the theme of this will be decided by each individual class. Children will then be given a week to collect their data, ready to bring back to school on Friday. Using the data gathered, staff will then create a census wall display for their class, which will be entered into a competition, where we have the chance of **winning up to £1,000 of equipment**. Please encourage your child to get involved with this activity and to send their data in by Friday 12th March.

RSE

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education will become statutory in all primary schools in England. This new subject will build on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught in RSE. Staff and governors have consulted on what they think is appropriate content for our school and we will consult with you next week. Please look out for a letter and questionnaire so that you can steer our RSE curriculum

Homework Menus

Menus for this half term's topics are on our school website as well as Google Classroom pages. Teachers have set some interesting activities for you to complete before Easter.

After School Clubs

Some after school clubs will resume next week. Clubs will run until 4.30pm and children should be collected from the school entrance. Please remember that clubs need to be paid for in advance via Parent Pay.

Tuesday	Teesside Lions Basketball	Y5 & Y6
Wednesday	Mr Scarlett Tennis & Cricket	Y3 & Y4
Thursday	Simon Carson	Y1 & Y2

RE

Classes will start their new RE themes next week. Each theme will focus on Lent and Easter.

EYFS GROWING - Looking forward to Easter

Year 1 CHANGE - Lent: a time for change

Year 2 OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew

Year 3 GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving

Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life

Year 5 SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

Year 6 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

Covid Safety.

Please make sure that you stick to childcare or support bubbles regulations when dropping off & picking up children.
These are as follows below.

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to anyone under 14. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered. Members of either household can provide childcare in a home or public place. This includes overnight care.

*You can only have one childcare bubble with one other household. This means no household should be part of more than one childcare bubble.

*You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

A support bubble is a support network which links 2 households. You have to meet certain eligibility rules to form a support bubble. This means not everyone will be able to form a support bubble.

Once you're in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as being in one 'household'. It means you can have close contact with the other household in your bubble as if they were members of your own household. This means you do not need to maintain social distance with people in your support bubble.

You should continue to follow social distancing guidance with people outside of your household or support bubble. This is critical to keeping you, your family and friends as safe as possible.

Not everybody can form a support bubble. However, on 2 December the rules changed to widen eligibility for forming one.

*You can form a support bubble with another household of any size if:

*You live by yourself - even if carers visit you to provide support

*You are the only adult in your household who does not need continuous care as a result of a disability your household includes a child who is under the age of one or was under that age on 2 December 2020

*Your household includes a child with a disability who requires continuous care and is under the age of 5, or was under that age on 2 December 2020

*You are aged 16 or 17 living with others of the same age and without any adults

*You are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12 June 2020

*You should not form a support bubble with a household that is part of another support bubble.



Well done to the following children, your teachers are very pleased with the time you have spent learning your times tables!

Y2 - Holly

Y3 - Meadow

Y4 - Sofia

Y5 - Quinn

Y6 - Oliver P

Lexia

We have lots of children accessing Lexia, a web based reading programme. Mrs O'Hara has picked the following children for a special mention and certificate this week as they are making a real effort with their reading. Well done!

Y2- Henry Y5- Scarlett

Y3- Sunley Y6- Jaden

Y4- Layla

Stars of the Week

Teachers have awarded certificates this week to children who have worked hard with their handwriting or mark making and presenting work neatly. Well done to them all!

STARS OF THE WEEK

FS1- Dottie & Isla Rose

FS2- Cimmera & Jack

Y1- Vinnie & James

Y2- Orlaith & Lucy

Y3- Eva & Maisie

Y4- Chloe & Harriet

Y5- Pollyanna & Eva Rose

Y6- Isaac & Erin