



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well today marks the last day of an extraordinary half-term. January 2022 is one I will want to forget as the school was hugely impacted by COVID absences. However the good news is that your children are brilliant and with your support have continued to work hard and try their best. Have a lovely Half-Term and we start back with a bang with our Rambling Reads trips to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of World Book day.

Rambling Reads & World Book Day

We will be celebrating the 25th Annual World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We would love, as usual, to see the children dressed up in their best story themed costumes.

This year, with your help, we are hoping to combine World Book Day with some fundraising to allow us to transform our school library into an imaginative space for our children which will encourage a lifelong love of reading.

We are excited to announce that between 28th February and 11th March, our children will complete the St Joseph's Rambling Reader Challenge! This will involve a ramble, in school hours, stopping at various points along the way to read their favourite book!

- Little Joeys & FS1 will be rambling around Kirkleatham Woods.
- FS2, Y1 & Y2 will be rambling to Captain Cook's Monument.
- Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 will be rambling up Roseberry Topping.

In the first week back Reception will be rambling on Monday 28th February. Year 2 will be rambling on Tuesday 1st March and Y1 on Thursday 3rd March.

Dates for Key Stage 2, Nursery and Little Joeys have been sent out via the class teachers and a reminder will put in the next newsletter after half-term.

Alongside this, we are running a competition for unusual places to read. The more imaginative the better! Photos can be added to Google Classroom, sent to enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk or sent into school. The winner of the competition will receive vouchers for Chapter One Bookshop in Loftus!

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PE and After School Club Timetable Spring Term Changes for After Half-Term 2022

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| ➤ Monday FS1, Y2, Y4, Y5 | After school: MFC Multi Sports |
| ➤ Tuesday FS2 | After school: Cooking/Baking Mr Scarlett |
| ➤ Wednesday Y3 (Swimming), Y4, Y6 | After school: Running Mrs Fleming (Y3 or older) |
| ➤ Thursday Y1, Y2, Y3 and Sports Leader training | After school: Tag Rugby Josh Mitchell |
| ➤ Friday Y1, Y5, Y6 | |

Sickness Reminder

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

Thank you for your understanding with this. Further guidance on infection control may be found on the [Public Health England Website](#).

COVID 19 Updates

If the rules change over half-term or on February 28th we will communicate this to you by email and Marvellous Me.

At this stage please continue to let the school know ASAP if your child tests positive for COVID or if they have symptoms and you are waiting for a PCR Test result. If it is out of hours please email enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

Summer Term Residential June 2022

Now that COVID cases are further under control both locally and nationally we are looking at the feasibility of running a residential trip for Y6 before they leave St Joseph's We will be in touch very soon regarding this trip.

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Beat The Street 2022

Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that will see Redcar and Cleveland transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and roll in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs.

The game will start on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 and end on Wednesday 13th April 2022. Launch assembly on Monday 28th February and packs will be sent home then.

Students of the Week

This week students have been nominated for their Art/DT work. Well done to the following pupils:

Little Joeys- Finley
Nursery/FS1- Amelia & Connie
Reception/FS2- Dottie & Freddie
Year 1- Cimmera & Kaiden
Year 2- Vinnie & Oskar
Year 3- Bobby & Oliver
Year 4- Daisy & Darcy
Year 5- Isabelle & Chloe
Year 6- Ben & Mia

Final Thoughts of the Week:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the people about how we should treat others. He calls us to do something exceptional: we must love all people and be kind to them. Jesus' life is a lesson in how we are to be kind to all people – even those people who aren't kind to us in return.

Ask your child what the word 'kindness' means to them. Each of you speak about a kind person. How does that person show their kindness? Has anyone ever been especially kind to you – even when you didn't deserve it? If so, how did it feel?

Kindness is part of everyday life, particularly family life. Even small, everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in God's eyes. Every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly. In this coming week, how can we show kindness to each other?

Have a wonderful half-term and see you on February 28th 2022.

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