



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Rambling Reads & World Book Day**

The last of the Rambling Read walks took place this week and have gone really well. Thank you for all your support with this exciting adventure. We cannot believe how luck we have been with the weather!!

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](mailto:enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk) or sent into school. The winner of the competition will receive vouchers for Chapter One Bookshop in Loftus! The closing date for this competition is **TODAY and judging will take place next week.**

### **Celebration of the Feast Day of St Joseph ALL INVITED**

The feast day of St Joseph is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a **special celebration assembly on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm.** It would be lovely if children could bring in some flowers to decorate the statue of St Joseph.

I am thrilled to announce that if parents want to attend this session they will be most welcome. As we start to learn to live with COVID we can now open the doors wide and have family members back in school to share the wonderful work that is going on. It will be lovely to see the hall full of joy to celebrate the patron saint of the school. I hope this is the first of many events we can now start to invite you too.

### **Time to say Good Bye to Mrs Farrier**

It is with sadness that I write to tell you that Mrs Farrier will be leaving the school at Easter. She has served the school loyally for the past 8 years and is the friendly voice on the end of the phone and has certainly helped me as I have started at the school. She has a very exciting adventure ahead of her and we wish her well and are grateful for all that she has done for our school. Her next chapter is certainly a journey of joy and I know that she has earned a very happy time ahead with her family for many years to come. Thanks for everything Mrs Farrier we will miss you greatly.

### **Beat the Street 2022- Currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Come on St Joseph's Keep Moving!!!**

Beat the Street has begun! The game runs from Wednesday 2nd March to Wednesday 13th April 2022. **In the total points we are currently 14<sup>th</sup> which for a school our size is amazing with 26,410 points. In the average points table, we are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 162 cards registered averaging 163 points per card.**

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What do the points mean? Our school will sit on the school leader board which can be viewed by visiting [www.beatthestreet.me](http://www.beatthestreet.me). These leader boards will be live once the games commence. Top school teams will win hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers. Individuals can also win on lucky spot prizes, including vouchers and Beat the Street goodies.

Come on St Joseph's we can beat the streets of Redcar and Cleveland. Please send us your photos via [enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk) and we will post them on our social media pages.

### **Rearranged Parent's Evenings.**

You may recall we had to postpone our termly Parent's Evening last half-term because of the COVID 19 cases we had in school. I am delighted to announce that these have now been rearranged for **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 3.30-6.00pm and then on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 3.30-5.30pm**. These will be face to face meetings and an opportunity for you to get an update on how your child is doing at school. Please make every effort to attend. Parents of children in Little Joeys we will be in touch with you about arranging appointments to speak with Mrs Breckon on these mornings.

### **Loftus Lantern Light Festival-Reminder**

The children have made some wonderful lanterns in school this week. The children's work will be displayed at Loftus Light Festival which will be taking place on the 12th/13th March. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loftus-village-of-light-tickets-269504183267>. It looks a brilliant event and we even have a discount code of VOL22.

### **PE and After School Club Timetable-Reminder**

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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                              |   |

### **Students of the Week**

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

**Little Joeys- Beatrice**  
**Nursery/FS1- Rambling Readers!!**  
**Reception/FS2- Phoebe & Harry**  
**Year 1- Harper & Henry**  
**Year 2- Jacob & Jack**  
**Year 3- Oliver & Emelie**  
**Year 4- Meadow & Logan**  
**Year 5- Harriet & Olivia**  
**Year 6- Quinn & Florence**

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### Final Thoughts of the Week: Ukraine



As we all come to terms with the constant sad events coming from Ukraine I thought I would take this opportunity to point you in the direction of some supportive materials that are in place if you or your family need them. It is tricky as a parent to know how to speak with children about such news. We held prayer sessions on Ash Wednesday for the people of Ukraine and this sparked some conversation amongst the pupils.

This website is an excellent resource with practical tips on what you might consider going forward:  
<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/2022/02/28/speaking-with-children-about-the-war-in-ukraine>

In some classes we also used the CBBC Newsround materials to help deliver the message appropriately.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258>

Hope this helps and it seems right to finish with a prayer.

Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace.

Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another.

Help us to spread peace by listening to one another, even when we don't agree.

Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food or who are frightened and live in fear.

Let us pray every day for peace for the world, for our families, for our friends and for ourselves.  
Amen

*Mr Geaves*

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