



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today has been armistice day. We took time to remember all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflict.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl visited Postgate House in Middlesbrough as representatives for a Trust wide remembrance service. We were honoured that the Bishop of Middlesbrough was in attendance as well as the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti who is currently visiting the Diocese. I am sure that when he next sees the Pope when he next visits Rome he will pass comments on how wonderful the pupils from St Joseph's were.

Y6 also delivered a lovely Remembrance Assembly this afternoon which was truly moving and made me reflect personally on the sacrifice that so many have made for us in the past.

'We will remember them.'

Thank you as ever for your support of the school and take the time to read the notices below.

T is for Teaching - Anti-Bullying Week Monday 14th November 2022-Reminder

It is Anti-Bullying Week the week beginning Monday 14th November. During anti-bullying week itself, we plan to hold assemblies and other class-based activities to help and support informing our pupils about the issues and potential damage that bullying can do.

To kick start the week we start with Odd Socks Day when children can wear odd socks to celebrate everyone's unique individuality. Have fun choosing the wildest socks you can find.

This year, the theme for the week is 'reach out' – encouraging everyone to come together and reach out to others to stop bullying. We will be holding a special whole school assembly at 11am on Monday 14th November 2022.

L is for Love – Children in Distress Shoebox Appeal 2022 Reminder

This year's "Love in a Box" Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2022 is here!

This appeal ensures that infants and children from the poorest families or in orphanages, hospices or hospitals know someone cares at Christmas. It's a volunteer-led appeal to ensure they receive a Christmas gift. Because so many of the donors involved now also fill boxes with senior citizens in mind, the appeal also ensures that those living alone or in care, are not forgotten. These special gift boxes will, for many, make the difference between a little joy and warmth or simply going hungry over the festive season.

Please can all shoeboxes be returned by next Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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G is for Greatness- Times Table Rockstar Competition

St Joseph's will be competing in TTRockstars' England Rocks Tournament which starts on Monday 14th November 07.30 and runs until Wednesday 16th November 19.30.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school 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, subject to a daily 60-minute limit. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

Let's get rocking!

I is for Inspire- After School Clubs Reminders:

The following clubs are running this half-term:

- Monday MFC Football
- Tuesday Cooking Club (limited to 12)
- Wednesday Table Tennis Club KS2

The clubs will not be running the last week of term week beginning Monday 12th December 2022.

H is for Happy- Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked really well:

- LJ- Ella
- FS1-Connie & Lilly
- FS2- Macy & Mabel
- Y1- Harry & Arthur
- Y2- Kaidan & Martha
- Y3- Vinnie & William
- Y4- Matias & Henry
- Y5- Meadow & Daisy
- Y6- Freya & Joseph

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L is for Love- Family Mass

We have a new group of children preparing for their first Holy Communion in school on Monday evenings. The first family Mass is on **Sunday 20th November** and it would be lovely if families were able to attend.

H is for Happy- England Football Match Monday 21st November

With the Football World Cup starting shortly I have been asked by some children if we will be watching the first England game at school as it kicks off at 1pm on the Monday afternoon. We are planning to mark this in some way so please watch out for a further letter regarding this next week.

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Remembrance Prayer:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Warmest Wishes
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