

18th February 2022

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter



### This Week

#### Lent

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday which is the 2nd March** this year. Lent is the most important season in the Church's year. It is a time of preparation as we ready ourselves to journey towards Easter.



Each year during the Lenten season, we focus on a special theme or charity to pray and fundraise for. This year, the CAFOD focus is 'Walking for Hunger'. In school we have decided to focus upon the theme of '**Hunger and Homelessness**'. During Lent, we will be collecting food for our local foodbanks. The foodbanks help families within our local area by providing them with the food and supplies that they need. There will be drop off points in school during Lent for any contributions to the food bank to be made. Additionally, if anyone would like to make a donation towards funds to support hunger and homelessness in our area, there will be a payment item set up on ParentPay to make your donation. As always, we would like to reinforce that we understand that each family's circumstances are different and there is no expectation that you give anything at all. Your prayers and good wishes alone for our chosen charities during Lent, will certainly make a big difference to these important causes.



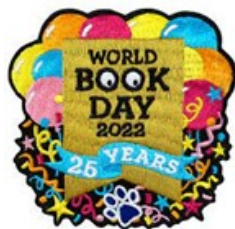
#### Go Well Heart Project

A big well done to those children who have been taking part in the activities at home and working really hard to keep active and complete the challenges.



#### World Book Day 2022

We will celebrate World Book day on Thursday 3rd March this year. The children will be spending World Book Day designing and creating their own t-shirts (these will be provided by school) linked to specially chosen books and vocabulary. The children will then bring their t-shirts home to share their learning, fun and creativity with you.



### Upcoming Events

- Break up for half term Friday 18th February
- Children return to school Monday 28th February
- Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February-6th March
- World Book Day Thursday 3rd March
- Parents' Evening Monday 14th and Tuesday 22nd March
- Break up for Easter Friday 8th April
- Return after Easter Tuesday 26th April
- May Day 2022 Monday 2nd of May ( School closed, children return on Tuesday 3rd)
- Break up for Summer Half Term Friday 27th May
- Return to School After Half Term Monday 6th June
- Jubilee Additional Holiday Day Monday 20th June (School closed, children return on Tuesday 21st June)
- Break up for Summer Holiday Thursday 21st July 2022

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#### Safety on the School Grounds

In order to keep everyone safe on the school site, please ensure that children do not arrive at school any earlier than 8.30am, unless they are accessing Breakfast Club or Booster. Before 8.30am, we have delivery drivers with large vehicles on site and there should be no children walking through the carpark at this time. Please also ensure that if your child is going to Breakfast Club, you take them to the main reception door and stay with them until the Breakfast Club Staff arrive. We appreciate your co-operation.

#### Useful Websites and Information for Parents

We thought that it may be helpful to some parents to have a list of useful websites should they require support or a listening ear over the half term holiday.

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

<https://www.myharbour.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/>

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2320/Children-s-Services>

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any child or adult the First Contact/Social Care Direct number 03000 267 979 is manned 24hours per day



#### Parents' Evening Appointments

Thank you to all those who have returned your Parents' Evening slips to school. Staff will send out appointments to all parents after the half term.



We wish you all a fun and happy half term holiday and look forward to hearing all about it when you return to school on Monday 28th February.

#### Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be:

**'I know we are happiest when we are united.'**

Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship throughout the week.



Bishop Chadwick  
Catholic Education Trust

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