

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 24th March 2017

Here at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we learn and grow through the love of Jesus. Our community is a safe, caring and happy place where everyone is supported and valued. We encourage and challenge everyone to achieve their full potential, spiritually, academically, morally and socially.

We inspire others with a love of learning and aim for excellence in everything we do. Through our own faith, we treat one another the way we would like to be treated. We help every child to be gentle and fair: to always do their best.

### Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents and Carers

We have just had a wonderful Mother's Day assembly with the children from the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. They recited poems, sang songs and then gave their mums cards and a daffodil. It was an assembly that brought joy, excitement and love to everyone there. Well done to the children and the Reception and Key Stage 1 team.

Over the last two weeks, Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in reconciliation services in the church. This is an important part of the children's preparation for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I have been impressed with the way in which the children have taken the act of Reconciliation seriously. Next week we will be holding our Easter service on the last day of term at 1.45 in the church. All parents are welcome to join the children; the service will be led by Year 5 and Year 4 children.

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, the Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be taking part in an Easter Bonnet Parade, hopefully the weather will be good and we will be able to parade outside. Year 3 and Year 4 will be displaying their 'Eggoramias' for everyone to see and there will be prizes for the ones judged to be the best design. Years 5 and 6 will be launching their 'Eggmobiles' to see which one will travel the furthest. There will also be a prize for the most inventive design of 'Eggmobile'.

The Parish Pastoral Committee is looking for volunteers to ensure the Parish is able to provide as many events and give as much support to parishioners as possible. They would like your help to be able to do this. The Parish Pastoral committee of St Joseph's have a survey they would like you to complete online. The survey is to find out if there are skills and talents that can be used to support the work of the Parish, the link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NJSY8VB> Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and think about what time and skills you are able to offer to the Parish.

This week's recent events in London have made us all aware of what could happen when the children are on a school trip and also what we would need to do if there was an incident of any kind in our locality. For trips to venues in London, teachers are aware of the procedures to follow and we always include in our risk assessments a section on major Incidents. Staff know to follow the instructions of Security staff and to make sure the children are taken to a safe place if transport links are affected; they will try to contact the school if possible if phone networks are working, the school will then contact parents to update them.

If there was an incident in our locality or if there was a security issue on the school site, the school will go into a lock down and the children will all be kept in a safe part of the school with the school site secured. We know that we cannot plan for every eventuality but we want to begin regular lock down drills in the same way as we plan for fire drills. The only difference will be that you would receive a parent mail from the school informing you that the school is in lock down. I am not writing this to worry you but it is something that schools should be prepared to do and the only effective way is for the children to practice the procedure. The practices will also highlight any areas that we need to improve on, just as our fire drills help us to improve on the way in which we leave the building. When we do practice a lock down, you will receive a parent mail but it will say it is a practice so as not to alarm you, this will also ensure that the system does work.

I think we should include in our prayers this weekend, those members of the public who sadly lost their lives and those who were injured in London on Wednesday.

I wish you a peaceful weekend and Happy Mother's Day to all the mums in our community. God Bless.

Sharon Grange

**Attendance**

% Pupil attendance  
for week ending  
17/03/2017

Reception	98.6%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	98.7%

Well done to Year 1  
for the best attendance.

**Punctuality**

**Number of children arriving  
late** at school week ending  
17/03/2017

Reception	0
Year 1	0
Year 2	0
Year 3	0
Year 4	0
Year 5	1
Year 6	3

Well done to Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 for no  
lates!

**Birthdays**

Farrah

**Pupil of the Week**

**Congratulations to the following children for  
achieving Pupil of the Week:**

- ❖ Aisling
- ❖ Sophia
- ❖ Aara
- ❖ Edward
- ❖ Katie
- ❖ Roberto
- ❖ Connie