

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th February 2018

Spring Term - Volume 5

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Ephesians 6:10

WE are still focusing on the value 'Resilience' until the end of this half term.

Lent 2018



Ash Wednesday falls in the middle of half-term. Easter can fall on any date between March 22nd and April 25th so occasionally Lent starts during half-term. Children will be bringing home a Lenten Calendar on Friday. It has different activities for each day so please put it up somewhere so that you can talk about it each day.

During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the hall on Friday morning at 8:30 am. As always everyone is invited, pupils, parents, staff and younger siblings. We look at 3 stations each week and the prayer time takes less than 10 minutes. The first one will be Friday 23rd February.

Finally during Lent we will have a 'Give it up' day on Friday 2nd March to raise funds for CAFOD. More details about that after half-term.



Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet day will take place tomorrow and St. Joseph's pupils will be joining millions of children across the globe, to support this very important initiative. This year's slogan is

"Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

Staff will be delivering activities to encourage our children to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Some of KS2 pupils will take part in an online safety survey organised by NSPCC. It will help St. Joseph's school take a snapshot of pupils' attitudes and behaviours which will help us plan further activities and lessons for the future. Please speak to Mrs Nash for further info.

**Children's
Mental Health
Week 2018**

5-11 February #childrensmhw
ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

'Being Ourselves' is the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week. We hope to engage pupils in activities which will promote their self esteem and encourage them to look positively at themselves. In doing so our children will be able to face the challenges that sometimes occur throughout life. Hence the reason why we teach resilience!

Pupil of the Week



Pupil of the week winners were treated to Afternoon Tea with Miss Strachan.

They were chosen by their class teachers because they have pleased their teachers in the following ways:

Listening carefully and for making thoughtful contributions to class discussions, producing sensational maths investigation and for using the correct maths vocabulary, demonstrating excellent reasoning skills, creating a beautiful piece of writing around a theme, making great progress in arithmetic, making huge improvements in maths, winning a robot for the school at the BETT show!

ATTENDANCE: wc 29/01/18

Congratulations to Year 4 on the best attendance last week at 99.6%. They will receive the Spike Trophy and each member of the class will be awarded a house point.

PUNCTUALITY: wc 29/01/18

Well done to Reception & Year 1 for the best punctuality at 99.6%! You will all receive a house point each.

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Reception	94.6%	99.6%
Year 1	99%	99.6%
Year 2	97.6%	98.6%
Year 3	98.7%	98.4%
Year 4	99.6%	97.1%
Year 5	94.8%	98.2%
Year 6	92.8%	97.2%

7 th February	Year 3 Trip to Science Museum
8 th February	Chinese New Year Celebration for Reception/KS1 St Vincent's football match (away)
9 th February	Year 6 – Apple Field Trip Year 5 – Liturgy Assembly Last day of the half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 12th-16th February	
1 st March	World book day (dress up as your favourite book character)
2 nd March	PTFA Movie Night (tbc)
6 th & 7 th March	Parents Evening
9 th March	Mothers Day Assembly Year 3 Trip to Colchester Zoo
11 th March	Year 1 Leading Mass
20 th March	Reception Trip to Godstone Farm
28 th March	Reception/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade – Eggoramas (Yr 3 & 4) – Eggmobiles (Yr 5 & 6)
29 th March	Easter Service led by Year 4 & 5 and Last day of the spring term