

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter.

Our Year 6 children recently received their high school allocation and we hope that you were successful in your application for your chosen school.

There was a fantastic atmosphere in school on Thursday 07 March to celebrate World Book Day. Thank you to everyone for making such a huge effort with costumes. It was really special to be able to share in this event once again. The celebrations also continued throughout last week with assemblies and activities centring around St. Patrick's Day. Well done, everyone!

**We wish all our children and families a very Happy Easter and break.**



## The Season of Lent:

During this season we are preparing for Easter, the most important feast in the Church year. Through the six weeks of Lent, we are called to listen more closely to God and invited to show kindness and love towards others, as well as reflect on the way we live our lives. We are encouraged to take more time to pray, to give something up which we



enjoy and to give to those in need. Lent is also a time to give what we can to others in need, such as through fundraising and charity.

Thank you to all who attended our Lent penitential services this term. We also welcomed Wintershall performers to Key Stage 1, our Years 5 & 6 witnessed the sacred exposition, and Key Stage 2 received the sacrament of Reconciliation.

This week, we have encountered the Church's holiest week in school, with Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday assemblies and a visit to the Stations of the Cross, both in school and church.

## CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Well done to all the children (and staff!) who completed the Big Lent Walk on Friday 22 March in order to raise money for CAFOD and local charity **Young@Heart** this Lent. It was wonderful to see everyone trying their best to complete as many laps as they could of the school field.

Thank you so much to all those who have sponsored the children. The money raised will be split between our two charities. Peter Haddon, from CAFOD, came to speak to the children about how the money raised will go towards purchasing sea safety



## Parent Consultation Meetings in KS1 and KS2:

Parent's Consultation Meetings were held on **Tuesday 19 March (4.00 - 6.30pm)** and **Thursday 30 March (5.30 - 8.00pm)**.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. We hope that you enjoyed looking at their books and finding out more about how they have been progressing this term.





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On Thursday 07 March, St Joseph's celebrated World Book Day. This is always a special day in the school calendar and this year the children and staff were encouraged to dress up as characters from Roald Dahl's stories.

The children had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities; the library was transformed and there was a real buzz of excitement around the school. A huge thank you to everyone for making the effort and to parents and carers who helped the children dress up for the day.



EYFS



Year 2



Year 4



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## Year 3



## Year 6



## Year 5





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Year 1



Last week we also reflected on the life of St. Patrick, and celebrated his feast day with a range of activities, including: a concert at Cardinal Newman High School, celebrating St. Patrick's day mass, visiting the Young at Heart café, parading in the St Patrick's Day Parade in Luton, and lots of Irish dancing and traditional Irish food.





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## Minor Accidents Protocol:

We would like to remind parents and carers about school's procedures for minor accidents e.g. minor head injuries, bumps and grazes etc. Please be aware that, after receiving first aid treatment from the medical room for a minor injury, children will be given a sticker and a form that will be sent home in their bag.



## Healthy Eating: Soda Bread

This simple Irish classic is a staple in many households, used to mop up hearty stews and wash down pots of tea. It's also a symbol of celebration, baked in droves in the lead up to Saint Patrick's Day. Find your recipe [here](#).

## NSPCC – 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'

Last week the children took part in the NSPCC assemblies to learn about what to do if they feel unsafe.

The children took on board this very important message and learnt the Childline number.

If you would like to view what the children were learning please click the link below.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)



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Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Blue	94%	Red	90%	Yellow	91%		
1LH	94%	1MB	91%	1SW	94%		
2SC	92%	2DO	93%	2MH	93%	2DW	92%
3MG	91%	3AV	92%	3GK	95%	3MM	92%
4CW	89%	4BG	93%	4OR	92%	4PA	90%
5LB	94%	5CS	92%	5DF	91%	5JS	92%
6PC	94%	6JC	93%	6MM	90%	6SW	94%
					Whole School		92%

## Term Dates:

Please note we break up for Easter on **Thursday 28 March** and the children return to school on **Monday 15 April**. The term dates for **September 2024 – July 2025** are available from the School Office and are posted on the school website.

## Children's Mental Health Week:

On **Friday 09 February** children and staff wore something bright to show support for CHUMS 2024 campaign 'Shine Bright, Wear Bright'. Thank you to parents who attended the CAMHs information session and we raised an amazing £207.32 for this charity.

