



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.

23rd February 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Our Book Fair this week has been a tremendous success and I would like to thank all of you for your generosity. A love of reading is such a gift to all of our children, opening up countless opportunities for sharing ideas, improving speaking and listening skills as well as taking them on a journey to unexplored worlds of the imagination. With this in mind, we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March** with a range of wonderful activities. All children are invited to dress as their favourite book character (no football kits please) and, during Book Week (beginning 4th March) we would like to invite parents to share a book of their choice with their child's class. Please approach your child's teacher if you are able to spare half an hour to transport your child and their peers on a magical carpet ride through the pages of a book. **We would love to welcome you, sharing a book in your home language, choosing a story that is meaningful to you or one of your child's favourite bed-time stories.**

Thanks you to parents for organising the Uniform Sale this morning. **Nearly £400 was raised.**

This week, we welcomed Fr. Alex who reminded the children of the three Lenten actions that we, as Christians and Catholics, should be carrying out: **Prayer, Fasting and Giving Alms.** Our Pupil Chaplaincy Group also launched our Lenten Charity, CAFOD's "Brighten Up" and we will be sharing their fund-raising ideas in the next few weeks.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is looking for a foundation local governor to serve on the local governing body. School governors are volunteers who make a significant contribution to education. It is a challenging and rewarding role which offers the opportunity to make a real difference to young people, to give something back and to use and develop skills in a new environment. Foundation local governors are appointed by the Archbishop. **For further information about the role, please contact office@stjosephsschool.org.uk.** **Please follow this link for further information and see the attached**

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/applying-to-become-a-governor/>

With best wishes,

Dr N. Viana
Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERIT	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	Sasha	Madeline
REC2 Miss Diriye	Ian	Hannah
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Nancy	Matthew
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Alma	Olivia
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Amelia	Lucia & Giulia
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Theodore	Clara
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Elise	Vlade
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Oliver	Hector
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Alessandra	Hendrik

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	87.2%	5.6%
RECEPTION 2	99.4%	5.9%
Y1 PINK 1	94.5%	3.4%
Y1/2 PINK 2	96.5%	17.4%
Y2 PINK 3	92.6%	22.2%
Y3 BLUE 1	98.1%	9.7%
Y4 BLUE 3	92.9%	6.5%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.7%	13.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	89.7%	16.1%
Totals	94.06%	11:09%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

February

Monday 26th

Y3/Blue 1 visiting Forest School am
Y4/Blue 3 visiting Forest School pm
Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 29th

Swimming Gala KS2 team

March

Tuesday 5th

Y4 Reconciliation with Fr Alex

Thursday 7th

World Book Day and Dress Up day

Friday 8th

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm

Tuesday 12th

Y6 Reconciliation with Fr Alex

Wednesday 13th

Y5 Vue Cinema Trip (Children's University)

Parent Teacher Consultations day 1

Thursday 14th

Pink 3 Forest School pm

Parent Teacher Consultations day 2

Monday 18th

School photographer in – individual & sibling photos

Living Eggs arrive in EYFS

Tuesday 19th

St Joseph's Assembly with Father Alex KS1 & KS2

Friday 22nd

Special Celebration Assembly

Rec1 visiting Forest Schools am

Rec 2 visiting Forest Schools pm

Saturday 23rd

SJSA SCHOOL AUCTION