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## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all looking forward to the mid-term break, the children have been working so hard and we are all really proud of their efforts. I have seen some amazing writing as I'm sure you have as well, during parent's evening.

Well done to some of the Year 6 children who have continued to support and help the Reception children during lunch time break and have been doubling their efforts to get their prefect badges. I am sure they will be happy to hear that they will be able to wear their leaver's hoodies when they get back after half term.

Our friendship non uniform day raised just over £160.00 for Cancer Research, thank you to the school council for suggesting the day.

### **PTFA**

Mr Bath's Bingo night raised over £400.00 for the PTFA, thank you to everyone involved. I hear it was a great success and everyone had fun.

Thank you also to the PTFA for donating £200.00 to the library, Mrs Faram has put a list together of the kinds of books the children really want to read at the moment, so we will order them for the new term.

The next PTFA meeting will be on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm at the Albion PH please come along as the PTFA are starting to plan for the spring hampers and the summer fair

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTFA THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL**

### **Lent/Ash Wednesday service/School Led Mass**

As we move through Lent the children will be remembering why we need to remember others during this time. We will have a special assembly led by CAFOD on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm we will have our Ash Wednesday service, parents are welcome to attend.

Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April the children will take part in a special Palm service assembly followed by a Lenten pilgrimage throughout the school on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. On the last day of term April 5<sup>th</sup> KS2 will listen to the Stations of the Cross as told by Year 5 and 6.

During Lent there will be Cafod boxes in each classroom for the children to put their pennies into.



***"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."***



We are looking forward to our next school led mass on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 9.00am** please come along especially during this special time in Lent. The parishioners comment on how lovely it is to see the children from school.

### **World book day**

World book day will be on **Thursday the 7th of March**. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character. We will be having a special parade at the beginning of the day followed by paired class book readings in the hall. For more information and ideas about costumes visit the web site:-

[www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

We are asking the children to bring in £1.00 on the day to support the world book aid charity. Last year we only raised £35.00 which was such a shame as it for a very good cause.

### **Housekeeping**

- Please ensure all clothing is labelled we have a number of pullovers, cardigans, hats and gloves with no names.
- P.E. kit please check when your children have P.E. all children should have labelled P.E. kit in school for Gym and P.E. If your child does not have kit in school we will endeavor to provide them with spare kit which doesn't always sit well with children especially in KS2.
- School trips and activities, it is really important that if your child has a school trip or an activity that requires payment that you pay ahead of time via parent pay or if there is a problem paying please let the office know. We can only ask for a voluntary contribution due to legislation; however we all know that if we don't receive enough contributions the trip cannot go ahead. In the past we have subsidised some trips but because of budget constraints we are not able to do that anymore. We have been very close to cancelling some of the trips and events over the last 2 terms so please pay if you can.

### **Mental Health Week**

As many of you are aware children's mental health is in the news at the moment, we are all worried about the levels of anxiety amongst our young people in today's modern world. St Joseph's is very proud to be part of the Anna Freud 'Inspire' project led by Manchester University and funded by the DFE. There are only 260 schools in the country taking part in the study. Every day Years 4 and 5 are taking part in breathing and relaxation techniques to help them through the day and equip themselves in ways to dissipate worry. The whole of the school took part in a relaxation assembly during mental health week. Perhaps your child could teach you a few of the breathing techniques they have learnt. In the mean time you can click on the link below to read more about it.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/mental-health-schools-mindfulness-relaxation-breathing-children-pupils-a8761801.html>

### **Safeguarding and E- Safety**

Thank you to Mr Broyd for providing some insight and helpful guidelines to parents in 'keeping your children safe on line'. Please see the attached sheet on 'You Tube safety advice'.

Safeguarding is central to making sure that all our children are safe and happy at school. As senior safeguarding lead in the school I make sure that all staff training is up to date and every member of staff feels secure in their understanding, knowledge and signs pertaining to any kind of child abuse. All staff know who to contact if they feel they cannot speak to myself or Mr Bath (deputy Safeguarding lead). I will always have my door open to listen should you have any concerns, again if you need extra advise or support you can contact North Somerset's child protection team on **01275 888 808** for an initial no names consultation.



### **Community news**

500 Words 2019 (BBC Radio 2) is now on. The entry deadline is Friday 8th March at 7 p.m. If your child enters please print out your child's story, as we would love to display them in the library.

God bless

Mrs Jackson

**Please see the website for the full calendar of events**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March-St David's day –Yellow Team Mufti**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March-St Patricks day-Green team Mufti**