



St Joseph's Newsletter 8



14th February 2020

Worship and Liturgy - The children are constantly reminded how other people seeing them doing 'acts of good' spreads Jesus' Good News and is an act of witness. This week's Gospel reminds us of that fact but also warns about the dangers of following those who choose to do wrong, as their influence can also be powerful. We are all working together to teach the children right from wrong and to make the right choice when they need to.



Welcome - We are delighted that last week we appointed two experienced teachers to join our team. Mrs Stephenson, who has been teaching year 5 on a supply basis, has joined us permanently. Mrs Sharpe is the other teacher appointed. She has been teaching for twenty years and will join us after the Easter Holidays. This means that we can look forward to a period of stability now that we are back to a full complement of teaching staff.

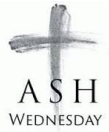


PTFA - For a variety of reasons many of the small group of adults who have been the mainstay of the Friends of St Joseph's for a number of years cannot commit to the amount of time that they have previously given. Great thanks are due to them for the commitment they have shown over the years. If this vital part of school life is to continue, we will need fresh faces to fill these roles. Please give some thought to whether you could step up into a role, helping to organise events to raise funds for the children. A meeting for interested volunteers will take place early next term.



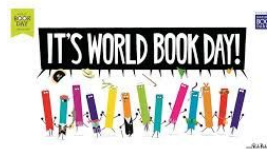
Half term - Friday 14th is our last day at school in this half term. After the week off, the first Monday (24th) is a teacher training day so the school will not be open to pupils. The first day back for the children will be Tuesday 25th which is Shrove Tuesday.

Lent - The 26th February is Ash Wednesday when all of the children will go to Mass to mark the start of the season of Lent. During this Mass all of the congregation receive a symbolic sign of the cross on their foreheads with ash made from the burnt leaves of palms used on the previous Palm Sunday. If for any reason you do not want your child to join in this symbolic act, please let the class teacher know



Bishop Mark's Visit - We were delighted to hear this week that Bishop Mark will visit us on March 3rd. He will be in school for about an hour and a half and will visit all of the classrooms allowing the children to ask questions about his role.

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday of this week was Internet Safety Day. All of the children were taught about aspects of e-safety, particularly about age restrictions for certain sites. Most Social Media sites are limited to children aged 13 and over. Links to information for parents can be found on the Home Page of our website.



World Book Day - This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. The children are invited to dress up, alongside our staff, as a character from their favourite book. They will have the opportunity to share their book character choice with their class and participate in fun craft activities. Every day is a storytelling day at St Joseph's and World Book Day will bring everyone's favourite characters to life.

PE Clubs - New after school sports clubs will begin on the Thursday of the first week back. A new invitation letter has been given out today to children who expressed an interest.

