



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

*Truth, Love, Compassion*

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Our Ethos Statement for next week is:  
"I can learn from my mistakes and failures."*

## School Closure

As you know, we had to close our school this week due to adverse weather conditions, that prevented the majority of staff travelling to get into work. Thankfully, we have been able to open again today, but the weather forecast this morning gave out weather warnings of more snow to come. If things do take a turn for the worse, please keep your mobile phones switched on, as this will be the first method of communication that we can get out to parents. I am able to (internet signals permitting) access the school website from home, and will post on the first page any details regarding school closure. May I thank you for your patience and understanding over the last couple of days, and hope you managed to have lots of fun in the snow with your children!

## This message was sent out on last week's newsletter...

*'At the start of each new half term, one of the jobs in a school is to look to the future weeks/months that are left of the school year, and ensure that plans are in place to cater for all of the exciting events we so look forward to, such as the concerts, masses, assemblies, educational visits and so on. One of the main events on the horizon is the summer fayre. As you know, we didn't hold a Christmas fayre this year due to having no Parent Association in place. Sadly, if we don't get any parent volunteers very soon, we could be looking at ending the year without a summer fayre too. Our children deserve our time and effort, and all of the staff desperately want to put on this lovely event for the children, but we simply can't do it without your support. Please do consider giving some of your time to this very worthy pastime, and come along to school on Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup> February) at 5pm to sign up to the St. Joseph's PA.'*

Unfortunately, due to school closure, the meeting had to be cancelled. We still desperately need your help with setting up a PA, so please do come along to school on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm to have a chat and offer your support.

## The Scholastic Book Fayre is coming!

Once again we have managed to book a visit from the Scholastic Book Fayre. This is an opportunity for our children to explore over 200 of the newest and best books from over sixty publishers. With books starting from only £2.99, plus exclusive titles that are not available in other shops, there's sure to be a book for everyone.



By holding one of these fayres we hope to inspire the children to develop a life-long love of reading. Additionally the school benefits as we can earn rewards linked to the number of books we sell.

So please join us on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm** in the school hall to enjoy these amazing books. Tea and coffee will also be available.

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### Mid-morning and mid-afternoon Snacks – polite reminder

I am pleased to announce that our governors are in support of our suggestion to allow only real fruit into school for mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. The idea was discussed at the most recent governor's meeting, and in an attempt to provide a healthy environment where our children can thrive, we will now welcome only whole fruit (or chopped up real fruit pieces) into school for snacks. Crumpets will continue to be on sale for 20p each if you would prefer, but with immediate effect, any other snacks will be returned home unopened. I have now amended our school policy to reflect this, and look forward to working with you to ensure our children remain fit and healthy.



The 21st World Book Day was due to take place on Thursday 1st March, but because of adverse weather and school closure, the event had to be cancelled. However, none of the staff want the children to miss out on this great celebration, so we have decided to hold our own 'World Book Day' on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

We will keep with the same plans, with the slogan 'READ TO ACHIEVE.' We want our children to have aspirational hopes and dreams for their futures, so we would like them to dress up as their future self! What do they hope to be when they grow up? What would they look like when they were dressed for their future career? There will be a £5 book voucher, to use at the Scholastic Book Fayre, awarded to most creative outfit from each class.

All children will receive a World Book Day book token to the value of £1. This can be redeemed against purchasing books at participating book stores, or it can be used towards purchasing a book at this year's Scholastic Book Fayre.

We look forward to seeing what our children are aspiring to be!

### First Holy Communion Preparations

Please note that a further date has been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> March, 6-7pm, in light of the recent school closure on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Breakfast and Tea-time Clubs

Remember to send in your thoughts on our new proposals for our Breakfast/ Tea-time club!

### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns over matters of a safeguarding nature, please do speak to a member of staff immediately. Remember, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our children are safe.

**If your child is going to be ill and unable to attend school, it is much appreciated if you could inform us on 01405 762607 as soon as possible. This morning, we had 25 children absent, many of whom failed to notify school. We have a duty of care to chase up any outstanding absences, and this takes valuable time for office staff. Please keep this in mind, and only keep your child from school for genuine reasons. Thank you.**

### Celebration Assembly Certificates:

*Parents are warmly invited to see the following children receive their certificates:*

*Headteacher Award: Archie (Foundation Stage)*

*FS Class: Olivia*

*Class 1 / 2: Nikola*

*Class 3 / 4: Dominic K*

*Class 5 / 6: Jakub N*

### Dates for your diary: (please note that further dates will be regularly added)

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	First Holy Communion evening class in school for children taking the sacrament this year
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	New date for World Book Day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fayre opens at 3.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Inspire Workshop: 9.00 – 10.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Inspire Workshop: 9.00 – 10.30am

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Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1/2 Inspire Workshop: 2.00 – 2.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation Stage Inspire Workshop: 9.00 – 10.30am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Joseph's Day – details of celebrations to follow
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessment week – full attendance during this week is essential please
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Celebration Assembly at 2pm – all welcome
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School closes at 2.30pm for the Easter holidays
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for the Summer term

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