



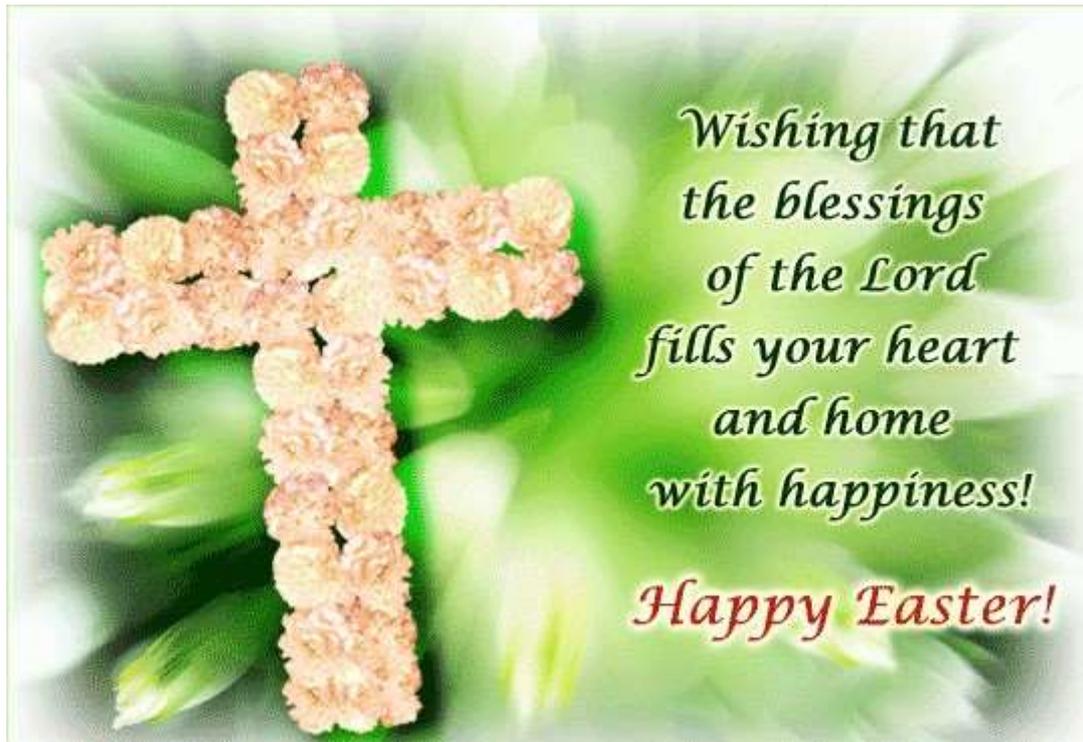
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Truth, Love, Compassion

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Archie's 'Easter Light'

Our young Master Archie Coulbeck is the winner of our Easter Card Competition! Well done Archie, all of the children in the school will be receiving your card today, and inside you will find the times of the masses at St. Joseph's Catholic Church that are taking place during the Easter season.

Easter Story Production 'The Tale of the Three Trees'

Congratulations to the children in Years 3 and 4 for their two performances this week. Both plays went amazingly well. The children positively oozed with confidence as they recited lines and sang songs with such energy and enjoyment. A big thank you to Miss Buckley for the very thorough preparation (many hours were spent making and ironing costumes late at night!) and to parents for letting your children stay behind for the later performance. A huge well done to all involved.

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PTA Easter Egg Competition

As I write this newsletter, I don't yet know who the winners of the Easter Egg Competition are (winners will be revealed during the assembly), but I can definitely say that all of us in school today have been wowed by the creativity of the eggs that have come into school. Thank you for supporting this fund raising activity, I hope you had lots of fun with your child, and you managed to get the glitter/paint/glued up feathers and pom poms off the dining room table!



EYFS Parents

As parents of children in EYFS, you have very much valued and enjoyed the daily opportunity to come into class at the start of the day in order to engage in an early morning writing activity with your child. This has been a practice that has been going strong since September, which seems a very long time ago!

During the summer term, we start to prepare our children for their move into Year 1, and we need your help... the same opportunity will continue on a daily basis, where you can come into the classroom and support your child with their writing. We will open the classroom doors at 8.45am and will run the early morning activity for ten minutes. Then, at 8.55am, we will need you to leave the room to allow staff to begin their morning lessons. Please try your best to support us with this transitional preparation, as it is to your child's benefit that they are fully prepared to start Year 1.

If you would like any further information in ways in which you can support your child to be 'Year 1 ready', please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Morrell at the end of the day.

Easter Holiday Dates

You may recall our consultation a while ago relating to Easter holiday dates. Just to update you: all responses to the consultation were positive. The consultation outcomes were taken to a governor meeting where it was agreed by the governors that the proposed changes would go ahead. I then informed the Local Authority, and am now awaiting a calendar that I can upload onto the website. As a quick reminder, and if you wish to book your holidays in advance, here are the dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

Autumn term: 7th September – 23rd October / 2nd November – 18th December

Spring term: 4th January – 12th February / 22nd February – 1st April

Summer term: 12th April – 21st April / 7th June – 23rd July

Inset days: 7th September, 23rd October, 4th January, 26th July

PTA Contact Details

If you want to get in touch with a suggestion, a request, or a question, please use the following email. It's a great way to keep in touch and help out if you can't make the meetings.

PTA@stjosephs.eriding.net



Recipe Book Fund Raiser

Our marvellous PTA are still collecting recipes from parents, grandparents and family members for their Recipe Book. To summarise, they are calling for all sorts of family recipes that will be gathered together and made into a professionally published book that will then go on sale. This will be a great way to fund raise for our school, so please do send in your recipes!

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Whole School Reading

After the Easter holidays, we will be trying to encourage all of our children, whatever age they are, to make sure they read at home to parents, older siblings or other family members on a regular basis. This will be easy for those children who enjoy reading, and those who have parents who like to support their children as much as they can. However, to make this a bit more doable for our reluctant readers, and to encourage our busy parents to find precious time at the end of the day to listen to their child read, we have come up with an incentive...

At the end of each half term, if a child has managed to read at home at least 15 times, and has a signature in their reading record against each read, then they will earn a reward. To mark the child's progress, each classroom will display a large reading journey, which you are welcome to have a look at. Your child will have a name card, and will place their name along the journey, with the aim of reaching 15 reads before the end of the half term.

A read by the way, does not mean a full book –just a few pages. And the book chosen does not have to be a school reading book; it can be a book of your child's choice.



Rewards will be determined by the children and teachers together.

Please support your child in this venture, as being able to read fluently and with understanding will unlock so many other subjects to them!



Morrisons Bag Packing

Our children were out and about doing work in the community last week, and spent the day at Morrisons supermarket in Goole. Helping shoppers to pack their groceries, our children's kindness and hard work managed to raise a staggering £367.35! We are putting this money towards new reading books for our children. A huge thank you to Morrisons for letting us do this, and to all of the very generous shoppers.

PTA Mothers' Day Gift Shop

Our wonderful PTA worked very hard in order for our children to buy some lovely gifts for Mothers' Day. Thank you for supporting this event: we raised £101... I hope the joy of receiving a gift from your child made your day extra special!

Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs

If you are a working parent and need reliable, safe and fun childcare provision before and after school, we are able to help you. You can drop your child off from 7.30am and collect them as late as 6pm in the evening, Monday to Friday. Please speak to our office staff if you are interested in this service. Charges apply but you may be able to take advantage of a reduced cost if you are eligible.

Sporting Update

Advance reminder: on those (rare) hot days that we look forward to, please make sure that you send your child to school wearing sun cream during the summer term, as they will more often than not be outdoors for their PE lessons. It's also wise to send them in with a named sun hat too.

Safeguarding

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

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

Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens for the summer term
Friday 26 th April	Welcome back whole school mass in school at 10am – all welcome
Wednesday 1 st May	St. Joseph's Feast Day celebrations: mass at 10am in church followed by an afternoon picnic in the park (weather dependent)
Monday 6 th May	School is closed today for the May Bank Holiday
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs: full attendance if essential for our Year 6 children
Tuesday 14 th May	Year 1 and 2 cycling lessons: please bring your own bike to school and park it outside the Yr 1/2 classroom when you come to school in the morning.
Thursday 16 th May	Parent lunch – look out for the letter coming soon
20 th – 24 th May	Assessment week for children from EYFS to Year 5: attendance is essential please
Wednesday 22 nd May	May Devotion at 11.15am: all welcome
Friday 24 th May	Sports Day during the afternoon
Friday 24 th May	School closes at 3.30pm for the Spring Bank holidays
Monday 3 rd June	School opens for the next half term (Summer 2)

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