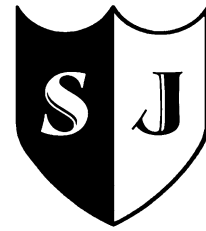


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February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Celebrating The Catholic life of the school

This week Fr Amal received a beautiful letter from his grace Archbishop Bernard Longley, thanking us for the recent visit to St Joseph's parish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with the children in Years 5 and 6. A copy of the letter is attached to this newsletter.

Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March. For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary and we see the mercy he shows towards others, despite his suffering. Just as God shows mercy towards us, like Jesus, we try to show mercy to others. This Lent, we are also making our journey alongside families around the world living in poverty, especially those who do not have the basic things they need like enough food or clean water.

Our school will be collecting for two charities through fundraising and planned events for CAFOD and The Good Shepherd appeal. More information will follow. All children from Reception to Year 6 will attend Church at 10am on Wednesday 6th March to receive ashes during mass. Please join us in church. Transport has been booked for Reception, Year One and Two.

Safeguarding

The designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Hinton and the deputy lead is Mrs Waller.

Please look at our school website for additional sites to visit on various internet safety issues. In particular the websites for parents to use related to social media and children's use.

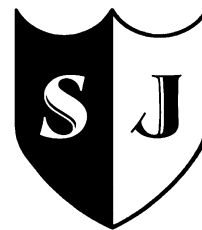
Attendance

As a school we have a high focus on attendance and again this year we will be supported by the local authority. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

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YR6 SATS week dates: Monday May 13th all week.

Yr1/2 phonics week dates: Monday 10th June

Yr2 SATS to be completed by the end of May.

World book day Thursday 7th March

For this special day to celebrate the love of reading, we are asking each child to bring in a favourite book from home to talk about in class. During the day staff from different classes will be sharing a favourite story with the children. Each child will be allocated a book voucher to spend at the next book fair.

WOW project



The WOW project will begin on Friday 1st of March. Each day the children will record how they have travelled to school. If they are able to walk all the way or part of the way for one day each week for a month, then they will receive a badge. There is a different badge to collect each month. A small change each week will make a difference to the congestion outside school as well as fitness levels, the children are very excited about the badges.

Parent/carer forum meeting

Parents/carers are invited to a meeting to discuss fundraising events for school. Please come to a coffee morning on Thursday 7th March at 9.15 am. Everyone is most welcome.

Further dates for fundraising events will follow.

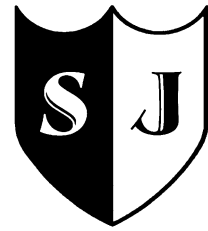
God bless

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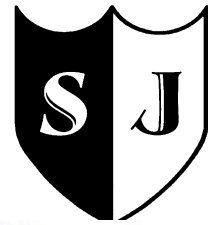


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Dear Amal, Thank you very much for the prayer celebration of Confirmation. I must thank Mrs. the Kraft, both for preparing the children so well with us on the day: their dedication and effecting the Catholic faith were evident. My thanks to you for all their help and to the fine team of volunteers who greeted me on arrival at St. Joseph's. Thank you, Mr. Dalton and Brian for all their help, my thanks to the ladies for the refreshments after school. Thank you for all the very kind gifts to me and for your prayers for me. Yours, devotedly in Christ,

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