



St Joseph's Journal

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Peace Sunday 19th January 2020: Peace as a Journey of Hope

Pax Christi is a Catholic worldwide peace movement that promotes peace, respect of human rights, justice & reconciliation throughout the world. Every year, Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day, on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, this Sunday. In School, we are promoting this message both through our whole school collective worship, led by the Pupil Chaplains and through our lunchtime para liturgies. As a school community we are working together to value peace as 'a great and precious gift, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family'.

The full message from Pope Francis can be viewed at the following link:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html

How I wish that all men and women of good will would look at the Cross if only for a moment!

There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death.

In the silence of the cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken.

January: The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

In the month of January, we also focus on the holy name of Jesus. The name Jesus means 'Yahweh (God) is salvation'. The holy name of Jesus is a special prayer. Jesus promises that whatever we ask God, the Father, in His name we shall receive. Each time we say Jesus, it is an act of love for we offer to God, the Father, the love of Jesus. Pupils are being led in prayer by our pupil chaplains to pray a litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in small groups throughout the month of January.

*Jesus you are peace even when there is hatred,
Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded.
Bring peace into our hearts we pray.*



Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	92.8%	Elm	99.3%	Oak	93.8%
Cedar	90.4%	Larch	95.4%	Acorns	91.2%

Whole School Attendance this week 94.7%

Whole School Attendance YTD 95.9%

*"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."*
-Dr. Seuss



Beech Tamzin - Always being kind, caring and helpful
Cedar Eden - Always a positive, happy hard worker
Elm Mya - For a wonderful collaboration
Larch Saahil - Persevering in Maths
Oak Kai - A great start at St Joseph's



Beech Aleena - Writing a fabulous list, always works hard
Cedar Emily - Super Phonics work
Elm Whole class for all the work they have done
Larch Sasha & Phoebe - Multiplication methods
Oak Sally - RE work

Year 1 Multi Sports



Year 1 had a super day at the sports competition on Thursday. The children were so enthusiastic and their great team work secured them 2nd place. Well done to all our children who took part.



Keep Tod Tidy Litter Pick

If you are interested in helping out, please meet at the steps of the Town Hall (near Onestop) on Saturday 18th January at 10:30am. All litter pickers and bags provided, meet back at the Town Hall for tea and cake.

All are welcome, for any more information contact Louisa on: 07546 272404



Exciting News

TenTen Theatre will be coming in to school on Thursday afternoon to perform 'Light Fantastic', an exciting Science show

Important Kit Reminder

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school on a Monday morning ready for the week ahead.

Can we also remind parents of Y3 & Y4 to make sure their child brings their swimming kit to school every Wednesday.

PE and swimming are part of the National Curriculum and are subjects that have equal importance to Maths and English, their attendance of these subjects is necessary to reach the required standards, their attendance is compulsory. You will be asked to bring to school if a child forgets their kit.

PE kit reminder: Pumps or trainers, royal blue shorts, white t-shirt

Swimming kit reminder: Full piece swim suit for girls, trunks or swim shorts for boys, clean dry towel. If your child requires goggles, these must be provided by you. Ear rings must be removed by the child or parent not a member of teaching staff.

