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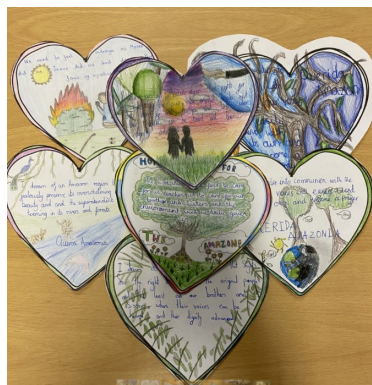
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Laudato Si Award

This week Oak Class represented our school and were visited by Mr Holleron and Mrs Sivills on behalf of CAFOD to listen to a presentation about the work our school has completed to achieve the Laudato Si Award. 'Laudato Si' translated means 'Praise Be to You' and were words used originally by St Francis of Assisi, but have recently been better known as the title of the letter written by Pope Francis, inviting us all to take greater care of our common home and develop a universal awareness of the needs of our planet. Pope Francis calls us all to Live Wisely, Think Deeply and Love Generously. The Award was something that celebrated the extension to the work that was carried out last year to achieve the Live Simply Award and will remain important to our school family.

Whilst all the school have been involved in the Award, a special thanks needs to go to Our GIFT Chaplaincy Team and Mr Carr for collating the evidence and sharing this with CAFOD.



Storm Ciara's Devastation

We are so sorry to hear of families' difficulties in the face of Storm Ciara and appreciate how upsetting this has been for many of you. It is at times like this that we see the true spirit of our community and are grateful that so many's first instinct is to find a way to help. If you need any direction with where help can be found for your own circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact school, who will be happy to advise.

As you are fully aware school was also badly affected, resulting in the whole school being closed initially.

Thank you for your understanding and the many offers of help school have also received support in getting us back on our feet. It is fully expected that all classes will be able to return after half term, however as some work will be continuing during the holidays, we would still ask that you check the school website and facebook page the weekend before our return.



THANK YOU & so much

A special mention has to go this week to all the Staff at St Joseph's. From writing inventories of items that will have to be replaced, to getting wellies on and taking things out of school, everyone has played a crucial part, without which our school would be nowhere near as ready as it is to get back to normal. I can not thank staff enough, several of whom have had to do exactly the same in their own homes too.

back to school

Monday 24th - First day back after Half Term

Tuesday 25th - KS2 Assembly on E-Safety

Wednesday 26th - Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 26th - Steve Hartley coming to school to talk to Oak Class about the Cragg Vale Coiners

Thursday 27th - Y5 Dynamic Day at Blessed Trinity

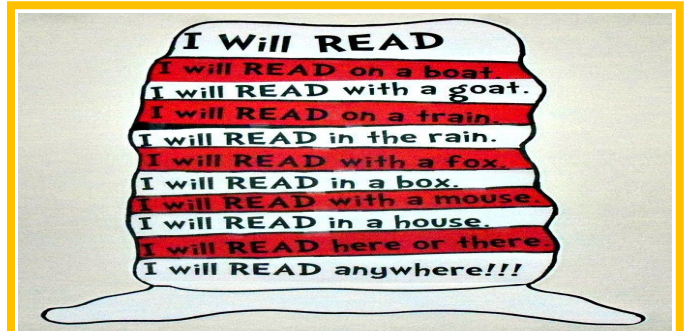
Friday 28th - Head Teachers Breakfast, pupil invites to be sent out the first week back

Uniform Consultation — postponed

Due to the flooding our planned consultation evening had to be postponed. We are still very keen to gather your views on this matter for next September and are mindful of making a decision in time for any supplies to be made available. We will rearrange this date as soon as possible after the clean up operation has been completed. (coinciding with the family project evening) in order to launch a few thoughts and invite your feedback and questions. If you are unable to attend, please call in at the office for a questionnaire that will be used on the evening. Everyone's voice should be heard and considered with decisions like this. Thank you.



ESafety



Well done to our Year 5 Children who have completed their Bikeability Courses this week. In addition to learning about the Highway Code they have also taken their bikes out on to the local streets and been taught how to ride safely on the roads. The course that had originally been planned for Y4 will be rearranged.

Forward Planning:

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

We will be celebrating World Book Day during our second week back after half term. Half term is an ideal time to read some of your favourite books again and decide who you would like to come dressed as.

We hope our families do not suffer from 'Storm Dennis'

and have a wonderful half term.

We hope we can welcome you all back on Monday 24th February but please check our school website and social media for confirmation.