

St Joseph's Journal



12TH FEBRUARY 2021

A Word of Thanks....

Who would have thought after just one day back in school together the half term would have looked like this?? Together, so many of you have made this change in circumstances a success and most importantly, a valuable half term of learning for our children, and for that we want to say thank you.

Children we are so proud of your effort and hard work, even when things were not easy at the start. We love seeing you come to your lessons and still get excited when we see your work turned in!

Thank you so much to all our parents and carers for the support you have given your children. We know every child deserves to, but without you, this plan to keep children learning would not be possible.

To our dedicated team of teachers, teaching assistants, catering, middays, office and site staff...you have all adapted to the changes presented overnight and responded to the needs of our school family with such professionalism, going above and beyond to serve our family.



To the governors, parishioners, shops, businesses and charities in our local community who have responded to our calls for help and support. We could not have hoped for more and are so grateful for the part you have all played.



Wednesday 17th February marks the start of our season of Lent. The entire Church prepares for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum, and we are asked to make special efforts to pray, do penance, and do good works. Every day of the forty-day Lenten season is an opportunity to live simply and prepare for Easter. We are called to:

Pray

Fast

Give

Remote Learning

Percentage of pupils engaging with our curriculum

Acorns: 87.5% +6.2%

Beech 94% +19%

Cedar 96.3%

Elm 100%

Larch 100%

Oak 100%

Whole school = 94.6%

All our pupils deserve to learn—let's get to 100% across the school.



We hope you have a relaxing half term; remote learning will start again on Monday 22nd February.



Beech Whole class for their work in RE this week

Cedar Miley, Showing resilience in her work all this week

Elm Jayden, Changing his mind-set & having a positive attitude

Larch Ethan J, For always putting in full effort into his work

Oak Sally, For her effort throughout half-term



Beech Jessica, For her Phonics writing this week

Cedar Dexter P, Maths work, numbers from 1 to 50

Elm Poppy F, An amazing attitude & producing super work

Larch Phoebe, For some fantastic science work designing her own classroom

Oak Maliaka, Art work inspired by David Hockney



Last Tuesday we centered our learning around **Safer Internet Day**. The theme this year was an internet we trust: exploring reliability in the

online world. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Children explored many ways to stay safe online and our older pupils questioned the reliability of many sources of information on the web.

In Preparation for
World Book Day on March 4th

Morrisons have very kindly donated a selection of books to school. We are so grateful for their support in contributing to our library and know the children will love to read these new titles.

Thank you!



Our Early Years children both at home and in school had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year



Please check with your class teacher if you have not already seen your username and password for **Bug Club Readers**.

This is a fantastic online resource to keep our children engaged in reading and making progress despite not being able to take our books from school at this time.



Make your own Pizzas at half term

Morrisons Free Pizza Boxes are to be collected from store on Wednesday 17th Feb, from the café between 9:30am and 3pm - simply say you are a parent from St Joseph's collecting your DIY pizza making kit



Not sure what to do over half term?

Why don't you keep reading and plan your outfit for our **World Book Day Celebration** on March 4th?



We hope you have a break from the routine of learning this week and instead can spend time together as a family.