

St Joseph's Journal



19TH MARCH 2021

Celebrating St Joseph's Day in the Year of St Joseph

Today, 19th March, is the Feast of St Joseph. This is an especially important day this year, as Pope Francis has proclaimed this year 'The Year of St Joseph' - that means we will be spending more time learning about him and praying to him during this year. Already our children have learnt so much more about St Joseph and how he serves as a role model for our school family. Listed are some of the areas children have reflected on during our week of dedicated prayer to St Joseph, led by our pupil chaplains:

- St Joseph was a hard worker
- St Joseph was a loving Father
- St Joseph was a missionary of God's love
- St Joseph was a man of love and service
- St Joseph was a witness of God's love



We have used resources kindly provided by 'Mission Together' throughout the week and celebrated Mass with Father Peter via a live stream today. During Mass, Father Peter also blessed our statues of sleeping St Joseph' that have been purchased for each class especially for this year of dedication.



*Dear St. Joseph,
God trusted you to care for his Son, Jesus,
and Mary, your wife.
Blessed Joseph, we ask you to be like a father to us.
Guide us and ask God to give us hope and courage,
and to keep us safe from harm.
Amen.*



Thank you Father Peter!



To make St Joseph's Day even more memorable, Father Peter very kindly treated all our pupils to a trip to the ice cream van! This was a really kind gesture and certainly gave the children a much needed additional smile.





Beech Leandro, Helping our new children settle in well

Cedar Rehaan, Excellent role model & positive attitude

Elm Lincoln, For settling in so well

Larch Lola, Dedication in all of her work

Oak Nahid, Trying really hard in English



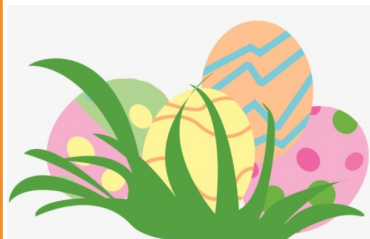
Beech Abdur-Rahman, Amazing work on 3D shapes

Cedar Patryk, Amazing work all week

Elm Aleesha, All round super learner this week

Larch Liliana, Fantastic RE work

Oak Alfie WP, Great angles work in Maths



Our Easter raffle tickets are selling well at just 10p a ticket. These will remain on sale all next week with the draw taking place in the last few days before Easter. Please bring your

10ps into school to buy tickets but hand the money straight in to your teachers' pot each day.

The money raised this year is being split between the two projects we are supporting, organised by CAFOD:

Walk for Water and 'Chirpy chicks'.

Please support us whilst we turn our 'Concern Into Action'.

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies for all they are doing in leading these projects and to you all for your support.

National Day of Reflection and Prayer

On Tuesday 23 March, the Government have declared a day of reflection to mark the first anniversary of the first coronavirus lockdown. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have also asked that the day be observed as a 'day of prayer'. We will come together (virtually) and reflect on how the pandemic has brought about so much change, how we can learn from our experiences and become stronger emotionally and spiritually because of them. We will remember all those who have lost their lives because of the pandemic and ask God to give comfort to those they leave behind. If you have any intentions that you would like to place on our class altars please feel free to bring these into school in a sealed envelope.



Walk for Water Non Uniform Day Monday 22nd March 50p donation please

This Monday is World Water Day and as you already know, as a school, we are working hard to raise money for CAFOD's project 'Walk for Water'. In addition to walking each day, we are going to hold a **non-uniform day this Monday, 22nd March** and are asking for each child to **please bring a 50p contribution**. On the day, children will also receive a wordsearch or crossword created by our pupil chaplains (Early Years have their own special activity too) and from all the completed entries, one will be drawn at random for a little prize.



We hope all our mums were treated and given a little bit of 'time off' on Mother's Day. Well done for all you keep achieving, especially during this past twelve months!

Saturday 20th March is International Day of Happiness

See how many ways you can make people smile this weekend!



Sunday 21st March is World Poetry Day

Have you got a favourite poem?



Do you know one off by heart?

Maybe you can share one in class next week?