



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

1st March 2019



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

- Jan Kozlowski
- Ashton Coombes
- Inka Kozlowska
- Ethan Woods
- Kayla Quainoo

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements out of school during Prayer and Praise.

Congratulations to **Benjamin Chambers** for receiving his Little **PUMA 3** Orange Belt and Learn to **Swim** Level 1.

Congratulations to **Eliana Quainoo** on gaining Level 3 Learn to Swim.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

The 'Friends' Valentine **Bake Sale** raised a fantastic total of **£106**. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased cakes.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:



- 1st Feb - 7th Feb **PUFFIN 95.3%**
- 8th Feb - 14th Feb **SWALLOW 98.6%**
- 15th Feb - 28th Feb **KINGFISHER 98.3%**

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

- 6th March **Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2.45 pm**
- 7th March **World Book Day**
- 7th March **Kingfisher Swimming Lesson**
- 12th March **Theatre Performance 2.30 pm**
- 14th March **Kingfisher Swimming Lesson**
- 20-27th March **Scholastic Book Fair**
- 25th Mar-5th Apr **Big Pedal Event**
- 29th March **'Friends' Spring Bingo 6pm**

PE Kits

Please could we remind you that the children should have their PE kit in school at all times. This consists of :

- Navy Blue shorts**
- White t-shirt or polo shirt**
- Suitable trainers**

Tracksuits may be worn in the winter.

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Thank you.

2019/2020 Term Dates

There has been a slight change to the 19/20 term dates. Wednesday 4th September is now a non pupil day and the start of term will be Thursday 5th September 2019. The full term dates are available on the school website.

Congratulations to **Miss Georgie** who is expecting a baby in July.

We must have a special chair in After School Club!



Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.



We are delighted that RISE Theatre are visiting on Tuesday 12th March for the whole school to participate in their exciting, interactive 'Mustard Seed Story Day'. The day is based on the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13: 31-32) with the interactive performance telling the story of a Gardener who plants some small seeds. The journey of the seed is likened to each child.

The Mustard Seed Day is an opportunity to encourage and affirm our pupils in their God-given potential and allow each of them to explore how uniquely special they are.

The day culminates in a performance at 2.30 pm to which all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

“...your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:19

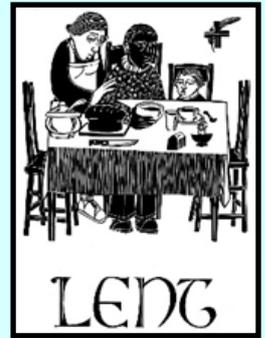
In the scripture passage above, Jesus gives guidance about fasting, praying and giving: that they are about personal renewal, rather than acting for the sake of appearance.

Our theme for Lent this year is ‘Draw Me to Your Presence, O Lord.’ As we begin the season of Lent, let that be our prayer for our children.



Lent

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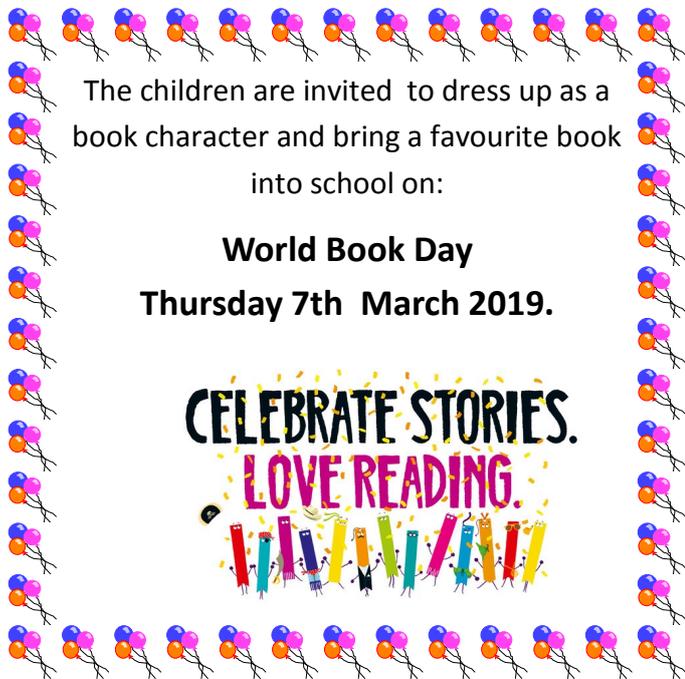
Prayer— to allow God the space to grow in us and speak to us.

Giving to those who have very little or sharing what you have with someone who needs it.

Taking Action— to take things up or give things up, so making room for God’s love to grow

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- **‘Our Lenten Promises’**. Each class has a Lenten Promises pack that will go home with a different family for each evening up to the end of term. Please remember to return one cross for our display in school.
- **Fundraising activities** to support our giving. Details will follow. The two charities that we are supporting this Lent are our school charity Rehoboth Elite Academy www.workkenya.org and HITS, Homeless in Teignbridge Support works with homeless people and those in crisis and need in our community. hitsfoodbank.org
- **40acts** <https://40acts.org.uk> Each day we will focus on a small act as we take on the Generosity Challenge in our school and homes.
- **Prayer groups** - we are having a weekly prayer group for pupils and two prayer sessions for parents at 3.00pm.



Parent Consultations

It was wonderful for teachers to meet with almost all of you at Parent Consultations before half term. Many thanks for the completed questionnaires. We will collate your responses and feed back to parents via the newsletter.



Top Quizzing Results 18/19	
Maria Warren	98.6%
Imogen Voisey	97.7%
Ruby Slatter	97.5%
Kayla Quainoo	97.3%
Freya Byrne	97.1%
Ellie East	97.1%

Class Quizzing Averages 18/19	
Owl	91.6%
Swallow	88.2%
Puffin	84.7%
Woodpecker	82.5%
Kingfisher	78.5%

School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club.

Monday	Marvellous Maths Games Mrs Sharman (4.30pm)
	Gymnastics KS2 (4.30pm) Mr Mugford
	Drama Yr4,5,6 (4.30pm) Miss Hannaford
	Civic Award Club (Lunchtime) Mrs Soby
Tuesday	Fizz Pop Science (4.40pm)
Wednesday	Maths Masters Yr6 (4.15pm) Mrs Sharman
Thursday	Homework Y3,4,5,6 (4.30pm) Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson

Online Safety

We have a number of parent factsheets on our school website to support parents to keep their children safe online. The Factsheets include:

- MOMO
- FORTNITE
- MINECRAFT

We hope they will help you to feel more informed, decide whether you're happy for your child to play a game, and learn how to set up parental controls.

The factsheets come from www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides where you will find many others.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg