



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are very proud of how well the children have all settled back into school at the start of the New Year. Their attitude and determination to work hard and give of their best is clearly evident in their books and in feedback from class teachers. Well done to everybody. New curriculum expectations have placed a much higher demand on children and it is lovely to see how well they are rising to new challenges.

### First Forgiveness and Holy Communion

Our sacramental programme to prepare children for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion will start in February. Parents of children in Year 3 will this week have received a letter and enrolment form which must be returned to school if they wish their child to receive the sacraments this year. In order to prepare for the sacraments your child will need to have been baptised. Enrolment forms should be returned to school together with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have not previously received

the sacraments may also join the programme. Please see either Mrs Vernon or Mrs Hollis if you wish your child to take part.

### Year 6 SATs

Although it seems a long way distant I just wanted to let you know that end of KS2 SATs take place for all our Year 6 pupils in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May. All children across the country are required to take the tests at this time. Please keep a note of the dates for your diary so as to ensure all children are in school this week.

All pupils in Year 6 currently benefit from extra support in Reading, Maths and Grammar in our afternoon Rapid Groups to help them prepare for these tests. In addition to this, some pupils will have the opportunity to take part in after school booster sessions and these will begin in the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils who are taking part in these groups will have brought a letter home to explain about this. All pupils are expected to attend on the date and time given. Thank you for your support with this.

Golden Assembly 27th November 2017	
Miss Salisbury	Isla Naylor
Miss Howard	Reece Ivory
Mrs Hollis	Skarlette Field
Miss L Turner	Leon Collinson
Miss J Turner	Miya Boyd
Miss Last	Samuel Gray
Miss Davies	Kurt Austin
Miss Finnigan	Amaia McChrystal
Mrs Morgan	Jessica Nicholas-Stevens
Mr Clare	Emily Higgins
Mr Morris	Joey Nicholas-Stevens
Miss Lewtas	Sophie-Lea Dreelan
Mr McCann	Joseph Quirk

### Uniform

It has been noted that a very small number of children have come back into school since Christmas wearing trainers. Our uniform policy requires all children to wear sensible black shoes. Please note trainers, pumps or boots are not permitted and pupils have been reminded of this in line with our school behaviour policy. We are justifiably very proud of how smart the children look in their school uniform and this is often commented on by people outside school. Please help us maintain these high standards by ensuring children wear the correct footwear. Thank you.

### Twitter

You may have noticed our new Twitter feed on our school website. This is regularly updated to let you know about different events and activities that are taking place in school, as well as providing up to date information about news, clubs and other important communications. Please take a look to ensure you are kept up to date of any important announcements or school information.

Every blessing Mrs Vernon

# This week in Foundation 2 .....

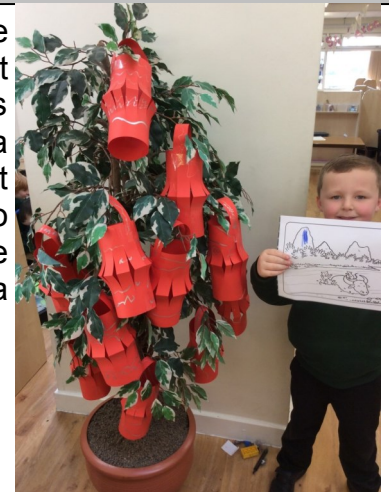


..... we have been adapting the story 'Cinderella'. The children came up with their own characters and retold their story using story maps they had created. In maths we have been using 10

frames and part whole frames to record our number bonds to 10 and we have been counting in 2's, the children matched pairs of socks together and then counted in 2's to find the total.

In theme we have been learning about Chinese New

Year. We have learnt about different customs and have done a variety of different crafts. We also learnt about the Great Wall of China



and we made our own wall in the construction area and used watercolours to paint the wall.

## SPORTS UPDATE

@StJosephsW (please tweet us with any sporting achievements your child makes outside



### Welcome Back

Happy new year, I hope everyone is sticking to their New Year's Resolutions!

The children have all been setting their own fitness targets in P.E. and are trying their best to stick to them!

### Boccia, St. Bridgets Competition

We entered a new sport competition on Monday, which is an adapted Paralympic sport.. The team were amazing and came 3rd out of 6 teams. Mrs Harland said she was "amazed by the sportsmanship and teamwork."

Congratulations to Joey, Mischa, Rhiannon and Tyler

### Joseph Stars for Wespa

One of the Sport Stars from Year 6, Joseph has recently been selected to train with the WESPA academy. WESPA specialise in offering elite



level training for children with huge potential in sport. Since starting his training Joseph has been selected to represent Wirral in Athletics and recently came second in a North West Competition. Congratulations Joseph, may all your hard work continue to pay off.



### Year 5 Basketball

Congratulations to Thomas Mc, Thomas H and Devan who won the boys, and Shannon, Ava, Kaitlyn, Nevaeh and Christina who won the girls Level 1 interclass competition.



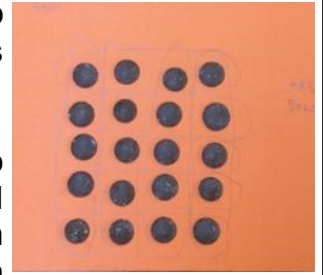
### PE Kit

Don't forget to return you child's PE kit to school if you have not already done so. Thank

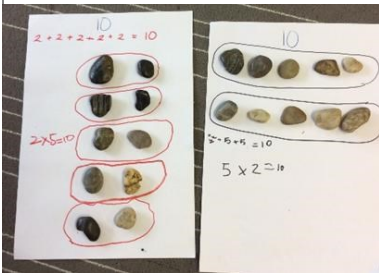
# Year 2 - Multiplication madness!



Year 2 have been lucky to enough to experience edible Maths this week. That's right... maths that you can EAT!



As part of our current mastery approach to Maths, we have been engulfing ourselves in all things multiplication and division! Working with practical resources first, we have been exploring how numbers can be displayed e.g. arrays.

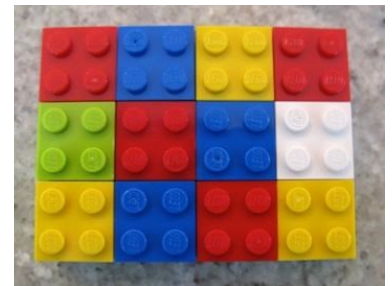


The children have been spotting patterns in a range of models and images, and have spent a long time investigating groups of 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.



We have spotted repeated addition within these arrays, creating matching multiplication facts using the correct symbols.

Using our developing reasoning skills, the class have been solving problems involving multiplication and division. We have been looking at multiplication around the home. Have you spotted these arrays or others around your home? Keep looking, they will be everywhere!



We have also been using real life images to calculate multiplication and division. Can you create the multiplication sentence for this tasty image?



$$5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

We look forward to continuing exploring multiplication and division using money and the measure of weight next week!

# School Attendance

**Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!**

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above.**

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

**Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 92%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 94%**

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

**Attendance Panels are taking place 5th Oct 2016**

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 (am): Miss Salisbury	94%	89%
Foundation 1 (pm): Miss Salisbury	85%	78%
Foundation 2: Miss Howard	95%	93%
Foundation 2: Mrs Hollis	84%	97%
Year 1: Miss L Turner	93%	90%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	93%	89%
Year 2: Miss Last	94%	88%
Year 3: Miss Davies	95%	94%
Year 3:/4 Miss Finnigan	95%	93%
Year 4: Morgan	97%	94%
Year 5 Mr Clare	97%	93%
Year 5: Mr Morris	92%	97%
Year 6: Miss Lewtas	97%	97%
Year 6: Mr MCann	91%	97%

## CAFE JOEY

and Bring and Buy

### 11TH FEBRUARY

supporting

### St Joseph's Lourdes Group

Please join us for  
Light Lunches, Sandwiches and  
Home-made cakes **will be served**  
**in the meeting room from**  
**12 - 4pm**



## Baptismal Preparation

If you wish to have your child baptised at St Joseph's church you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 2pm  
**Sunday 12th February**  
in  
St Alban's Parish Hall

You don't need to book a place,  
just come along for an informal hour  
of information and to collect  
an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the  
Parish Office to arrange a date