



Head-lines

I write to you at the end of our Spring term, with a packed edition of the St Joseph's news. It has been a brilliant, albeit, brief half term, and when we return, we commence the Summer term! Now that the clocks have gone forward, and the nights a little lighter, here's hoping the weather follows suit and the Summer term is full of sunshine and balmy evenings. There's always hope! In the meantime, I wish you all a joyous Easter and a lovely break. Best wishes Mr Turner

Catholic Inspection

As you will be aware, last week we received our Inspection from the Diocese as part of their legal duties to inspect and report on the Catholic provision provided by schools. The Diocesan Inspection Framework is organised in three parts - Catholic Life, Religious Education and Collective Worship, with each area then being evaluated under Provision, Pupil Outcomes and Leadership. We welcomed two Inspectors for two days who spent time watching lessons, Collective Worship, talking to children, staff and Governors, looking at work and various documentation. The report will then be written, quality assured and checked, before then being shared with parents. This process will take a little while with the Easter break, so should be available during the Summer term. As always, our children absolutely shone and the Inspectors were really impressed with their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith, as well as how they put this in action, by living the mission and helping others through their interactions, fundraising and charity work. Thank you also to parents for your comments and support. We are immensely proud, and take our Catholic mission very seriously, so we look forward to sharing the report next term.

Feast of St Joseph

On Monday 20th March we celebrated the feast day of our Patron Saint, St Joseph. As a school, we take our Vision and Values from St Joseph - a man of courage, honour and kindness. When presented with the huge task of looking after Mary and raising Jesus as his own, St Joseph 'Stepped Up' to this challenge; he didn't complain or turn away, he spoke with care and dedication and did his best. We often reflect on this example and try to act as he did - Stepping Up, trying our best at all times and following the task set by God. Monday was a lovely opportunity to spend time thinking about him, creating art work and gathering as a whole school to celebrate a mass in his honour.



Request for absence - reminder

As we enter the Summer term, we do find that we get an increase in requests for absences in order to take holidays. Whilst we do understand and sympathise that with the cost of living at the moment, taking holidays during term time can be a lot cheaper, we cannot authorise requests and these will be registered as 'Unauthorised absences'. This is in line with the advice of Wirral LA Attendance managers. Thank you for your understanding.



Book Week

Earlier in the term, we celebrated World Book Day, including running a whole week of book related activities. It was fantastic to see so many children and staff dressed up as a favourite book character, including wizards, super heroes, and a few residents of the Hundred Acre Wood! We really believe in the power and gift of reading, so



is something we promote all year round, not just for World Book Day.

Reading unlocks potential, transports to amazing places and allows us to access the world around us. So our mantra really is read, read read! We have published lots more information about our Reading curriculum on our website

<http://www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk/reading>

So please do have a look and discuss with your child's teacher if you need any more information.

Welcome

We say hello and welcome to Patrick, Evan, Evelyn, Hanna, and Joann who have joined us this half term. I hope you have all settled in and are enjoying being part of the St Joseph's family.

Early Years Building work

By this point, we had been hoping to be able to give the 'big grand unveiling' of our

refurbished outdoors early Years area. However, due to issues with contractors and materials, as well as some unforeseen problems, the project is running behind schedule. The plans are to transform the Fairview Road side and just use it as the entrance, and a new outdoors learning environment to be created on the other side of the school (previously



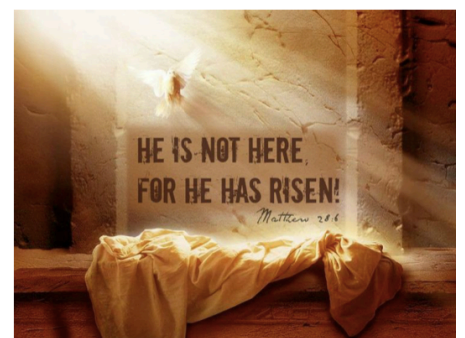
the F1 area). After a delayed start, huge progress was made, but now has slowed down again. Hopefully by our next Newsletter, we will be able to show the final space!



In the meantime, to help us with a few issues we have encountered, if we have any parents with skills in building work, especially garden work (making sleeper planters, turfing, patio laying etc) we would be extremely grateful for any time and help you could give us. If you did have any skills or knowledge in these areas, please can you give your details to the Office and we will be in touch. Many thanks!

Prayer for the term

As we finish on Friday, we are not in school for Holy Week. Holy Week is our journey through the last days of darkness before the joy and light of the Resurrection. May we all wish you a blessed Easter, filled with the light of the risen Lord.



Coming Up.....

The Summer term always seems to accelerate and before we know it we will be turning the calendar page to July! There is a lot planned for the Summer, and we hope to be able to keep to published dates. This will include end of year reports going out, Summer Productions, Year 6 Leaver's events and much more. We will also aim to inform you of arrangements for 2023-2024 as soon as possible including staffing information