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Dear Parents/Carers,

Holy Week

Thought of the Week

As the children are not in school during Holy week, they have been thinking about and discussing the last week of Jesus' life through learning about: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Bonnets

This year, the Easter bonnets were amazing. Thank you to the children and parents for the effort, care and attention you have all made making the hats. Well done everyone!

Lenten Cake Competition

The Year 5 Class Apostles have been busy fundraising for our Lenten Appeal. Well done to everyone, who took part in our Lenten Cake Competition.

An amazing effort from all of our young bakers. Here are our star bakers.



K'Nex Challenge

Year 5 and 6 participated in the K'Nex Challenge where they had to design and build a crane. Sophia J & Zoe won and their model will be entered into the Regional Final to be judged against the other schools taking part.





The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the K'Nex Challenge, Paddy and Jack won the challenge in Year 5. Well done to both classes for their fantastic models.

RE

In RE, Year 5 have been creating posters about different saints. The children explore how and why they became a saint and made posters about them. Here are the posters about Saint Miguel Pro and Saint Pedro Arrupe



Lenten Deeds



During Lent, we have been carrying out kind deeds for each other. This week, Year 3 have been teaching different games to Year 2 and in return, Year 2 have been setting up the dining chairs for the week.



Year 6 set up some activities to help the F1 children to develop their gross motor skills. They had so much fun! Nursery then performed the Easter Story and they also prepared, and shared some hot cross buns with the Year 6 class.



Year 5 visited the Foundation 2 Class, to read stories to the children, and in return received beautiful bookmarks, which were made by the children in Foundation 2.

Year 1 sang Easter songs to Year 4. The children in Year 4 taught number games to Year 1.



Design & Technology

Year 2 have been making healthy wraps as part of their Design and Technology topic. They were delicious!



Writing Letters

Foundation 2 had a lovely walk to the post office. The children wrote a letter, put it in a stamped addressed envelope, and posted it to their home address! They also wrote thank you cards to people who help us.

Chickens

The children were 'eggcited' to see the chicks hatch this year. How 'eggciting!'. Over the past two weeks the children have been caring and looking after the chickens and living out Pope Francis' message, which is to care for God's world.



Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter for news about our school. Please feel free to share photographs or videos of your child's learning too. Our Twitter address is: **@stjosephs775**



Sports news

The Year 5/6 girls' football team took part in the Sports Partnership league final against 5 other schools from around Hertfordshire. The girls won 2 games, drew 1 and lost 2. They played really well and battled hard. They came 4th overall. Well done footballers!



St George's Non Uniform Day

On Friday 21st April, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St George's Day.



St George was a brave Roman soldier who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians and died for his beliefs. He is also the Patron Saint of England. The children can wear red, white or blue on this day. We are asking for a £1 voluntary donation towards new playground equipment. Thank you.

St Joseph's Church Easter Services

1. Palm Sunday Mass: 1st April, 10.30a.m.
2. Maundy Thursday: 6th April, 8.00p.m.
3. Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 7th April, 6.00p.m.
4. Good Friday Passion of the Lord: 7th April, 3.00p.m.
5. Good Friday children's service: 7th April at 2.30pm in the church hall.
6. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8th April, 8.00p.m.
7. Easter Mass: 9th April 8.30a.m., 10.30a.m.

See you all there.

Important Notices

1 Nursery School Applications

We now offer full-time Nursery provision (9.a.m. to 3p.m.). Applications for admission to our Nursery Class opened on the 31st October, for children who were born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

Please ensure you complete the **School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain from the school's website or the school office.** All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for our school, we must receive:

Supplementary Information Form & Nursery Application Form
Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)

2. Medicines in Schools.

If your child has an asthma pump or an epi-pen, please check that your child's medicines are in date. Thank you.

Attendance Award

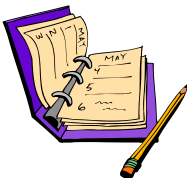
Well done to Year 5 for having the best attendance.



Have a Happy Easter, see you all soon,



Linda Payne
Headteacher



April	
Monday 17th April	Start of Term
Friday 21 st April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).

May	
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Friday 5 th May	Parents' Forum at 2.30p.m.
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
2 nd – 20 th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2 only
9th – 11th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)
Tuesday 9th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 & 2 tests
Wednesday 10th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Reading Test
Thursday 11th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Maths Paper 1 & 2 Test
Friday 12th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Maths Paper 3 Test
Monday 15 th May	Walk to School Week
17 th – 18 th May	Year 5 Phasel's Wood Trip
Thursday 18 th May	Ascension Mass in church at 9.15a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 23 rd May	KS2 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 23 rd May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 26 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June	
Monday 5th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 6th June	Start of Term
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence Year 4 Multiplication tests commence
Thursday 8 th June	Class Photographs
Tuesday 13 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 13 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 29 th June	St Peter and St Paul Mass in church at 9.15a.m.

Tuesday 27 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
July	
Monday 3 rd – 7 th July	Year 6 Trip to Wales
Monday 3 rd July	F1 new children and parents visits 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 4 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)

Wednesday 5 th July	New to Year 2 SATS & Transition Meeting (All Year 1 parents are welcome to attend)
Monday 10 th July	F1 new children and parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Thursday 13 th July	Transition Day for all pupils Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at 11.00.a.m. Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 17 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 18 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend. Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils must be back in school at 5.40pm
Wednesday 19th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of Term Year 6 lunch End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.