

## Dates for your Diary

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- Good Friday

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

- Easter Sunday

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

- Children return to school

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- Nursery 2018/19 admission deadline
- Children from Y5 at Royal Hospital Chelsea
- Summer Fair Cake Sale at 3.30pm

## *Happy Easter!*

Holy Week has been another week of extraordinary achievements and accomplishments for our children at St Joseph's. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Mass on Palm Sunday. The children led the Mass to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week beautifully.

On Friday last week, Mr Stacey took Mara, Daniel, Charlie and Alexander from Year 5 to the Christ's Hospital Year 5 Maths Challenge at Guildhall. The children were in teams of two and required to complete several challenges that tested their mathematical skills. One of our teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of over 75!

Chess has become incredibly popular at St Joseph's, thanks to Mr Stacey and Mr Niccoli, our chess coach. We had two fantastic events this week and have already made plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> West London Chess Championship on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Don't forget to sign your children up!

I hope you all have safe and restful holidays and I will remember you all in my prayers on my pilgrimage to Lourdes.

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

## Chess Champions!

St Joseph's held two chess competitions this week. The first was on Monday morning - St Joseph's vs Westminster Cathedral Primary School. St Joseph's did excellently and won by 6 points! The one the school had all been waiting for, however, was on Tuesday - St Joseph's children vs parents. It was a close match with only 2 points between them, but the parents won. The children are looking forward to their rematch soon!



## Dynamic Debaters!

On Wednesday Lukeyan, Janzen, Ola, AJ and Florencia from Year 6 went to Kensington Town Hall to participate in a debate competition between five other schools. They debated against the topic, 'Does school prepare children for adult life?'. They did an extraordinary job and won the competition by 16 points to 8. The children had a fantastic time developing their public speaking skills.



WEDNESDAY!



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

EASTER

## Year 5



We have been looking at the book "Foodland". We have been using imaginative language to describe a setting. We focused on different sentence structures and created atmosphere by adding dialogue.



I touched the cold wall and felt the damp decay crumble beneath my fingertips.....

I touched the cold wall and felt the damp decay crumble beneath my fingertips as the two boys who were guarding opened the doors. A sudden smell stopped me as I walked in. It was infernal. It smelled like rotten fish. I looked down at my feet and realised that there was a cm thick layer of dirt and dust on the floor. I took a look around and there was heaps of rubbish, rags and sadly, there were groups of children huddled around smoking jigs. I have sewn and patched ~~them~~ several times, but they look almost new compared to theirs. All the corners of this collapsing cathedral were dim. In one of them was an ancient carcase and in the one opposite was an old, wrinkled man. He was talking to himself while staring at the wall. A small glitching desk light next to him. I wonder if I'll make it here alive... GPO. Can you begin the

## Catholic Life

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey, it was wonderful to see the result of the children's understanding of almsgiving. From the Catholic Children's Society collection boxes that were given out in February, the students of St Joseph's raised an amazing £632.52! The money raised will go to the CCS who help vulnerable families within the Diocese of Westminster.

Year 5 performed Stations of the Cross in the final assembly of the term. It was an excellent way to end the term and beautiful reminder of why we celebrate Easter as members of the Catholic Church.



## Pupil Voice

The end of term Awards Assembly was, as always, very special with children being recognised for their outstanding hard work, perseverance and great attendance.

Well done everyone; have a great Easter!



Congratulations to Year 1 winners of the Attendance Chain Competition. They will enjoy an afternoon in the park during the Summer Term!

## Attendance

Well done, Year 5! You had 100% attendance this week!

