

We Will See You All Very Soon

This is an unprecedented and challenging time for all of us, particularly our children. Many of them will not understand why the school is closing and why our lives have to change for a little while. Even though we may not have the answers to many of their questions and even though we may not physically be together for some time, it is important to remind all of them that they are and always will be a part of St Joseph's – a strong, caring family that is united by faith and love and which will, inevitably, get through this.

Life will return to normal and we all have our part to play in ensuring it does so as soon as possible. The school's part is to close for most of our children and, as sad as it is to do so, it is the right thing to do. We will continue to keep supporting families through home learning and regular updates from teachers, myself and Mr Stacey. Look after yourselves and each other, be kind and continue to follow the teachings of Jesus.

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Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

Year 1 Braille Workshop

Year 1 welcomed Anette, a braille teacher, who spoke to the children about the system of touch reading and writing. The children learned about Louis Braille, the inventor of the system, and how to write and read their names in it. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to discover more about this unique and intuitive system.



Thank you, Emma!

It was a delight to welcome Emma, our violin teacher, on Wednesday who performed for the children in their classes. She played lots of pieces including well known tunes from Harry Potter and Frozen as well as the first movement of Prokofiev's violin concerto and a folk tune called Drowsy Maggie. Thank you Emma for lifting our spirits and inspiring us!



Happy St Patrick's Day

On Tuesday, Year 3 celebrated St Patrick's Day! They learnt all about St Patrick's life and the amazing things he did. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and Nigeria. He was born in a village in Roman Britain and brought Christianity to Ireland. Year 3 listened to Irish music as they worked and watched a video of Irish dancing. They also learned about the shamrock which has three leaves to represent the Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



WEDNESDAY!



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

Nursery

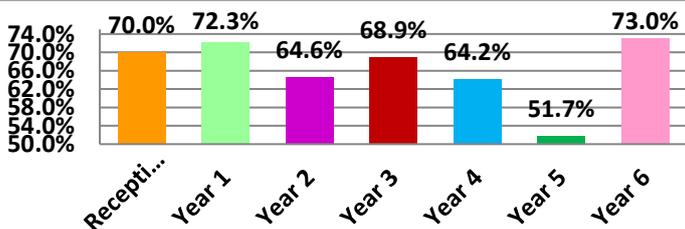


The children in Nursery have been talking about different ways to look after their bodies from eating healthy to getting a good sleep at night. More recently they have focused on handwashing and the importance of doing this properly. The children are learning that hand washing is not a race and it involves using soap and water and making lots of bubbles to clean all the germs off. In the bathrooms, they have many visual prompts which help the children remember all the parts of their hands to focus on. The children are all trying really hard to do this task properly and they will continue to support them on a daily basis when we return.



Attendance

Well done, Year 6! You had the highest attendance this week with 73%.



Catholic Life

The school celebrated St Joseph's Day on Thursday. St. Joseph was the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. According to the earliest Christian traditions, he was a carpenter or woodworker and the Gospel of Matthew calls him a "righteous man". To celebrate our patron saint, the children had a fun and relaxing afternoon.

Thank you to all those who contributed goods to the almshouses this week. They were delivered today by Year 6 and were very gratefully received.



Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

As part of a workshop delivered by Freshwater Theatre Company, Year 2 had the pleasure of meeting 'Florence Nightingale' on Thursday. They were taught how to flower arrange, sew and paint. They went on holiday with Florence and finally were accepted to be her nurses. They then journeyed to Scutari and made new beds and mattresses for the soldiers and tended to their wounds.

They returned to England and saw the medal Florence was given. What a fantastic finish to their topic on The Lady with The Lamp!



Pupil Voice

A note from the Head Boy and Girl:

It has been wonderful this week to see how much all the wonderful children of St Joseph's have come together to be positive, supportive and caring with each other. We have been cheering each other up and making each other laugh. It has been wonderful to see us all keeping each other's spirits up.

Enrico and Sophie

Well done to Year 6 who had the highest attendance this week! Excellent work!