

Off to an Exciting Start

We hope you are all safe and well and you enjoyed the Easter break with your families. It is so nice to hear from you with your news of what the children have been doing during lockdown.

This week, the school began its transition onto Google Classroom. We are so pleased with how teachers and families have begun to use the platform. Thanks to your feedback, we have been able to review how we can develop teaching and learning so that it is more manageable for all involved. As we have mentioned previously, we understand that home is not school. The priority for all of us during this time is to ensure we are safe and well and that is why I must insist that you only do what you can. The last thing we want is to cause unnecessary stress to you and your loved ones because you are unable to complete every single activity. Please also bear in mind that this is a brand new way of working for the staff too, and there will be many aspects that will need to be reviewed and changed over the coming weeks. We look forward to the weeks ahead, continuing to work alongside all of you, and we cannot wait to see you again soon when it is safe to do so.

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

One family have experienced what it is like to be postmen during lockdown by creating an amazing post box at home. They have been posting and delivering aspiring letters and cards to each other.



Tune into CBeebies tomorrow at 9.20am to see one of our very own Reception children on TV! He will be featuring on Nick Cope's Popcast.



Happy Birthday!

The following children have celebrated their birthdays in April. We hope you had a great day!

- Pablo – Year 6
- Joseph – Year 6
- Martha – Year 3
- Marta – Year 2



Spring is certainly upon us and we have been experiencing some incredible weather during lockdown. One family picked their first vegetable from their garden this week and it was absolutely enormous. We hope it is as fresh and delicious as it looks.



WEDNESDAY!



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

Year 4

Children in Year 4 focused on the Pentecost this week in RE. They learned about what the word 'Pentecost' means, why it is important to spread the 'Good News' and how the Good News changes people's lives. Firstly, they had to answer some key questions based on 'The Coming of the Holy Spirit' text and then analyse a painting of their choice which depicts Pentecost.



Q: What happened to the friends of Jesus?

A: They could speak different languages.

Q: How did this help people to spread the Good News?

A: It helped because they were able to talk to everyone in the world.

Q: What reaction did the people have who heard Peter speak?

A: They were shocked.

Q: How would you have felt on hearing Peter's message?

A: I would have felt happy.

Victor

A lot of families have written in to tell us about the delicious food they have been learning to make during lockdown.

One family have made grissini breadsticks, pizzas, muffins, gazpacho, solomillo al whisky and this delicious looking tiramisu.

The family feel very lucky to be able to burn off all the tasty food with Joe Wicks's P.E. sessions each morning!



Catholic Life

One child made a lovely thank you card and posted it to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital during lockdown. The family were very surprised to receive a handwritten response from Lesley Watts, the CEO of the hospital last week.

What a wonderful and kind surprise!



Dear St Joseph's staff and community,

Thanks for your big effort in helping us. We feel like we are together in this unusual situation.

We are enjoying Google Classroom and hearing our teachers is very reassuring.

We are all learning from this.

Yesterday we celebrated St George (St Jorge).

Sending you love,

Jorge, Year 4 and Julieta, Year 1

Inspired by the heroic efforts of Captain Tom, who has raised just under £30 million for NHS Charities (at the time of writing), one child designed a happy birthday card for him to celebrate his 100th birthday.



Pupil Voice

Hi everyone,

We are missing you all so much and hope you and your families are all well. We would love to hear from you about all the fun things you have been doing so that we can share them with the school community. How have you been spending your time? Have you had any special experiences like joining in with the clap on Thursday evenings? Is there any other news you would like to share? Let us know via newsletter@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Bartley