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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at St Joseph's with school trips, parent meetings and learning of course!

The children shared what activities they did in the holidays and discussed what they were fasting from or praying for during Lent. Conversations with children are always so humbling when they talk about caring for those less fortunate and our Medjugorje class have started to formulate plans for Easter lunch as they did at Christmas.

The PTA have met and set out dates for the remainder of the year – please look out for these!

Wishing you a lovely week,  
Ms MacLennan

## Prayer



### Lenten Prayer

*Lord, help us to grow in faith and love over these next forty days and may we be brought even closer to you in our lives.*

*Lord you are our God and we are your people; may we never veer from the perfect path which you have set before us.*

*Be our rock and our strength, Lord Jesus.*

**Amen**

## Important Dates and Information

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** Farm Ed School Trip (Medjugorje)

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** SATs and Residential Parents Meeting (Medjugorje)

**February 29<sup>th</sup>** Parent workshop: Understanding and Responding to Behaviour (please sign up to this as it will be an excellent support to you all as parents)

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** World Book Day – Julia Donaldson character dress up

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** Medjugorje STEM day at RAF Brize Norton

**March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** STEM Week

**March 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>** Parents evening

**Roof Project** – Work is ongoing during the remainder of the term. The work is making good progress and there is hope that we will return to school dinners in the hall by the end of next week. The hall should have all the scaffolding gone and interior work complete by the end of the week with assemblies and PE returning to normal. Areas of the school grounds will continue to be fenced off and off limits. The project manager continues to liaise with the school and I will continue to update you with information as necessary.

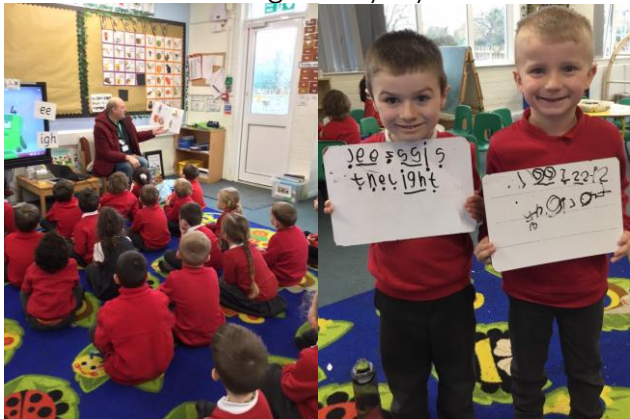




## Knock (Reception)

The children have decided they would like to make a positive change for lent, which is to be healthier and stronger. To do this they want to do some exercises to build muscle and make healthy snacks for break time and 'outdoor adventures.'

We had a visitor from the library who read us stories and sang nursery rhymes with us.



## Medjugorje (Year 5/6)

This week we have had a lot of excitement. We took 6 boys to the CCC football tournament, the boys did themselves proud and finished off with a great goal in our last match.

As we have moved into the season of Lent we have been doing some thoughtful work about what preparing for Holy Week means.

We also had a great trip to FarmEd in Shipton on Thursday to fit in with our topic work. We saw some of what they have been doing to make farming sustainable.



## Fatima (Year 1/2)

Fatima have had a great first week with their new teachers - after receiving a letter in the post from Mrs Campbell to introduce herself, they have been busy learning all about letter structure! They have been also practising forgiveness in their school life and saying 'I forgive you' and realising how good it feels to forgive others and be more like Jesus.

The children have adapted really well to the new changes in class and are excited for this term.

## Walsingham (Year 3/4)

Welcome to term 4!

This week we have enjoyed the story of Arthur Brownstone and used this as a basis to explore the use of prepositions in our writing.

In our maths learning we have been looking at temperature and set about exploring the temperature in different parts of the school - we are pleased to report it is warmer inside that out!

We also used our acting skills to recreate the story from Luke's gospel of the widow of Nain which lead to some fantastic conversations about Jesus' miracles and how in Lent we can be more like Jesus.

Please check dojo to see pictures from our art lesson this week.

## Lourdes (Preschool)

This week we have started our Topic on being farmers. We read the story of The Tiny Seed and discussed what is needed for seeds to grow. We planted some cress seeds and explored fruits and vegetables with seeds inside of them. The children have created some amazing artwork by painting the flower from the front cover of The Tiny Seed Book by Eric Carle, we discussed the colours used and experimented by mixing red and yellow.

To start the season of Lent, we discussed Shrove Tuesday and had Pancakes in the Wild area with Reception.

