



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
It's been another busy week at St Joseph's with school trips, Number Day, learning and plenty of rain and wind!
As we enter half term, I'd like to remind everyone that it is Shrove Tuesday next week (be sure to make pancakes and Dojo us your photos) and Ash Wednesday in on the 14th. This marks the start of our Lenten Season and a time of fasting. Lent is the 'spring' of the church – a time to be still, reflect and listen to God's word. What is He calling us to do, to be...to change? It is a time to grown and become a different person – one to care for others or pray more deeply. Take time next week with your children to reflect on what they can doing during the next half term to ready themselves for Easter.
Wishing you all a lovely half term,
Ms MacLennan

Prayer

February is the month of the Holy Family.

Half Term Prayer

We thank you Lord for this term. For our challenges, our successes and the mistakes from which we have learned. Be with us as we spend time away from school and with our family and friends. Keep us safe in our activities and bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. Thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

Amen



Important Dates and Information

February 19th School roof project continues in term time

February 22nd Farm Ed School Trip (Medjugorje)

February 22nd SATs and Residential Parents Meeting (Medjugorje)

February 29th 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 12th/13th Parents evening

Roof Project – Work will begin on the school roof during the February half term beginning with the scaffolding being put up. Areas of the school grounds will be fenced off and off limits. I am currently working with the project manager and will update you with information once this is underway in order to ensure a smooth return after half term.





Knock (Reception)

We had an amazing time visiting the Oxford Transport Museum. We explored how buses looked and operated in the past and compared them to today. We also went to preschool to show off the fantastic project homework that was completed. Children explained how they spent time with their family to create something they are incredibly proud of.



Medjugorje (Year 5/6)

We had a wonderful Number day last week, we enjoyed making board games and sharing them with Knock and Fatima classes.

We have been working on some poems in class on the theme 'Once Upon a Dream.' ready to send them away and see if they can be published.

After Half term we are looking forward to our trip to go to a farm. We have also produced a class charter about the environment of our class and how we would like it to be. We are looking forward to see what happens with it next half term.

Fatima (Year 1/2)

This has been a very exciting week in Fatima Class. The children did an amazing job when they visited the Church for Mass Service on Wednesday and Father Paul commented on self-control and positive attitude.

We also shared and listened to everyone's Arctic project. As a part of this Vera's mum came into school and shared with the class their experience of living in Norway, near the Arctic circle. The children enjoyed hearing all about it and asking questions.

We learned all about tally charts and pictograms in maths and wrote about the Northern Lights in literacy.

Finally, today the class had a trip to the forest to celebrate surviving the Arctic! They toasted marshmallows and learned how to tie a "square knot".

Walsingham (Year 3/4)

This week we have had a focus on our positive mental health as it is Children's Mental Health awareness week nationally. We have thought about how we can help ourselves when we feel physically unwell but also when our brains feel unwell, and we have come up with lots of strategies to help regulate our emotions. The children made some fantastic posters which are proudly on display in our classroom. We will be introducing our morning mile next term to help us, move, connect and take notice. We are proud to share a selection of our Viking art below.



Lourdes (Preschool)

This week we have looked at Chinese New Year and carried out activities around this. We have had a Chinese Restaurant, made dragon puppets and written Chinese Numbers. We also had noodles for our snack on Monday. We have also looked at the life cycle of a hedgehog and learnt new vocabulary: nocturnal, hibernate, hoglet and juvenile. This week has also been Children's Mental Health week so in the afternoons we have been doing some Mindfulness for Children.



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