

WITH GOD IN OUR HEARTS,
WE LOVE AND LEARN



St. Joseph's Newsletter

Issue 018 - 8 March 2021

It is wonderful that all children have arrived back today. We have been looking forward to their return ever since the announcement was made. As we return to school it is essential we continue to follow government guidance both in and out of school. We really do not want to risk going backwards when we are so close to returning to a more normal way of life.

You will have heard a lot of people talk about children 'catching up' and children's mental health. I can assure you we will be considering all of the impact this lockdown has had on your children and making it our priority to teach them in a safe, caring and enjoyable environment where they will thrive and progress every day. We will look at every individual child's needs and support them in whatever way we need to. I am not undermining the impact of lockdown but I strongly believe that your child returning to school with their friends and the pressure being taken off you as parents to educate them will have extremely positive results for all of us.

It is important we continue to work in partnership to get the best for the children spiritually, morally, socially and emotionally as well as academically.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for the amazing support you have given both myself and the school as we work through this difficult period of time. The way you rose to the challenge of home schooling will have a huge impact on the success of your children and who we believe will be back on track with their learning very quickly as they settle back into school.

Finally, I would like to praise the incredible children. They have been through so much yet they have walked back in to school full of enthusiasm and confidence and ready for the challenges that lie ahead. They really are amazing!

Mrs Baldwin Maternity

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Baldwin in her last week before starting her maternity leave. She will be missed by us all but what an exciting time she has ahead.

During Mrs Baldwin's absence I will caretake her SENDco post with support of class teachers and Mrs Jobburns will cover her teaching commitment in Year 1. Enjoy your precious family time Mrs Baldwin!

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Important Dates

Monday 8 March	ALL Children return to school!
Monday 22 March	Assessment Week
Monday 22 March	Stations of the cross
Monday 29 March	Holy Week
Thursday 1 April	Break up for Easter
Monday 19 April	Return to school
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 10 May	School photos—Classes and Leavers
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 June	INSET DAY School closed to children
Saturday 26 June	First Holy Communion
Monday 28 June	Parent Evening 1
Tuesday 29 June	Parent Evening 2

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

First Holy Communion will now take place on Saturday 26th June at 11am for Year 4 and 1pm for Year 3.

There will be an opportunity for professional photos at 10.15am for Year 4 and 12.15pm for Year 3 in the Church.

Any Year 4 children that have already made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend both the photos and the Mass in their Communion dress. Communion ties for boys can be purchased from the school office for £5.

Confirmation will take place on Thursday 8th July at 6pm as originally planned.

School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Perrett on winning this weeks lottery.

If you would like to be in with the chance of winning a cash prize and supporting the school at the same time please go on to the school website and look under parents/school lottery for details of how to enter.

Star Person

<u>Class A</u>	Noah J
<u>Class B</u>	Frankie
<u>Class C</u>	Beau-Grace
<u>Class D</u>	All of Class D
<u>Class E</u>	Millie
<u>Class F</u>	Ruby W
<u>Class G</u>	Alfie V

Star Learner

<u>Class A</u>	Louis
<u>Class B</u>	Liberty
<u>Class C</u>	All of Class C
<u>Class D</u>	Cristiana
<u>Class E</u>	Callum
<u>Class F</u>	Scarlett
<u>Class G</u>	Layla M

Presentation

<u>Class A</u>	Tommy	<u>Class E</u>	Jessica
<u>Class B</u>	Imogen	<u>Class F</u>	Ethan
<u>Class C</u>	Liana	<u>Class G</u>	Maya
<u>Class D</u>	Lily-anne		