



# Spring Second Half Term 2018

As we journey together through Lent, we prepare to celebrate Easter, the commemoration of Christ's resurrection. We warmly invite you to our many opportunities for prayer and reflection together.

As part of our Lenten prayers, Hannah, our Children's Ministry Worker, will be planning and leading liturgy with each class. This intimate prayerful liturgy will take place in the classroom each Wednesday morning, 9am, during Lent. Parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to attend the classroom liturgy.

The dates and classes are as follows

21<sup>st</sup> Feb Year 6

28<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 5

14<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 2

21<sup>st</sup> Mar Year 1

28<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 3

Year 4 will have a Lenten retreat day at Our Lady's Church on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** which will end with a liturgy from 2.30-3pm and Mrs. Murray will lead Reception Lenten Liturgy in the Reception Class on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

Parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to join with Year 4's Liturgy in church and Reception in their classroom.

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

On Friday Year 3 will lead us in worship as we reflect on this year's CAFOD Family Fast Day challenge. CAFOD reminds us - *"Poverty is not part of God's plan. As a Catholic community, we should not give up on the poorest people. 'Give it up' instead and take on the challenge to build a better world this Lent. It's simple; choose something, 'give it up' and donate the money you save. And this Lent you can make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will contribute a pound, up to a total of £5 million."*

There will be no tuck shop on Family Fast Day and instead a collection taken by each class. CAFOD Family Fast Donation envelopes will also be available at the Year 3 Liturgy for any families wishing to contribute.

## **Mass and Liturgies**

Liturgies and class masses have been arranged for this term:

Date	Class leading	Location
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 3	9.15am School Hall
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Year 4	9.30am Our Lady's Church
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4	2.30pm Our Lady's Church
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Reception	9.15am School Hall
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3	9.30 Our Lady's Church
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Feast of St Joseph- Husband of Mary - celebration to be announced	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Year 5	9.15am School Hall
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6	Stations of the Cross in Our Lady's Time -TBC

### Wind in the Willows

What a wonderful surprise for the children this morning! The children were delighted to find lessons this morning cancelled and instead they were invited to a theatre company's adaptation of Wind in the Willows. Several of our children even had the opportunity to play a cameo role!

### Anti-Bullying Week 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

As promised, we are keen to give Anti-Bullying a high profile each term in our school. Last term each class created a rap, this term our focus is poetry. The children will be reading and writing poetry with an Anti-Bullying message in line with our policy. The week will culminate in a poetry reading assembly on Friday afternoon attended by our Anti-Bullying Parent Ambassadors.

### Year 3 Skipping Festival - Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Year 3 on their super skipping at the Deanery Schools Skipping competition on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at St Robert's.

### Book Day - DATE CHANGE

As in previous years we are celebrating our love of literature by dressing up as different book characters. This year our chosen date was *Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March* but due to Year 5 swimming we have brought the date forward by one day to **MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**. A timetable of opening times for our school book fair that week will be released nearer the date.

### Tennis Coaching

Year 3 and Year 4 will be doing PE on a Thursday afternoon this half term to allow coaching by a tennis coach in preparation for a Tennis Competition on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** where a selection of children will be chosen to represent St. Joseph's. Please remember full school PE kit including trainers or gym shoes will be needed each THURSDAY this half term.

### School Photographs Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Family groups brought by parents with siblings not in school from 8.15am, school will organise siblings in school photographs and individual photographs.

The Reception Class, Year 6 Class, Football Team and Holy Communion photographs will take place on *Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May*.

### Sports Relief Penalty Shoot-Out - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Our Sports Relief fundraiser this year is a Penalty Shoot-out and in goal this year will be our very own, retiring headteacher, Mrs.Jary. To avoid any injury we are looking for an outfit- do you have an ice hockey helmet? Knee pads? Elbow pads? Large foam hands?

Weather dependent we hope to make this a fabulous whole school event on the field where for a small donation of £1 children can pit their shooting skills against Mrs.Jary's goalkeeping skills!

### **Mathletics and Spellodrome**

The ICT room is available on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime from 12-12.20 with Mrs.Tate for any KS2 child who wishes to practice their spellings or complete maths tasks.

**Homework and Home Reading** Please continue to read and supervise your child's homework. Each class teacher will expect the homework back in on time as returning homework is an important part of the task. It is no secret, those children who read at home each night go on to the greatest successes.

### **Sports Premium Funding**

In March 2013, the government introduced sports premium funding (SPF) for all schools to improve the provision of Physical Education. At St.Joseph's this money is spent wisely and for the benefit of all in a number of ways;

- We employ professional coaches to deliver class lessons of tennis and tag rugby.
- We subsidise sporting after school clubs such as football and tag rugby.
- We fund the transport costs for all classes to attend cluster sport competitions and festivals such as skipping, athletics and handball.
- We have booked a GB athlete to visit during healthy me week.
- We provide the Bikeability course for Year 5.
- We provide transport and swimming coach for Year groups 3, 4 and 5.
- A contribution was made to the Forest School and for staff forest school training.
- A new climbing frame in the school hall enhances PE provision.

To name but a few of the wonderful ways the Sports Premium is spent.

### **What can you do at home?**

We know that many of our children are already very active and attend regular sports clubs and partake in physical activity every day out of school hours.

If you're looking for ideas to help your child become more active, why not try the following?

- Attend an after school club
- Walk to school instead of driving
- Try a change for life '10 minute shake up' at [www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up](http://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up)

*All dates correct at time of going to print.*

### Dates for your diary

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Anti-Bullying Week (Poetry Focus)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Year 6 classroom Lent Liturgy

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - CAFOD Family Fast Day Year 3 Liturgy

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Year 6 to visit Beamish

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- Year 5 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar- Year 4 Mass

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March - BOOK FAIR in school

**DATE CHANGE** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March -Book Character Day Dress Up Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 4 Lent Retreat with Liturgy at 2.30 in Our Lady's Church

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar - Modern Foreign Languages from St. Robert's to visit Year 6

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar- Year 1 Dance Festival

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar- Reception Liturgy

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 2 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 3 Mass

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar- Feast of St.Joseph- Husband of Mary

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar- Lent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar- Year 1 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar- School Photographs

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar- Year 5 Liturgy

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar- Sports Relief Fundraiser - Penalty Shoot Out

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar- Year 5 Debate Team at St Robert's

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis Teams to competition

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Guitar catch-up session

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - No afterschool clubs, violins or swimming as this is Holy Week.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Craft Fair

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar- Reception classroom Lent Liturgy

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 3 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - Stations of the Cross led by Year 6