

# This week in Foundation 1 .....



We have been learning the story 'The Little Red Hen'. In our areas of provision we have been playing with a farm in the small world, buying eggs and veg in the farm shop, and serving people in the farm cafe.

We have been helping the Little Red Hen by making some bread for her in our investigation tray and making play dough cakes for her. We searched our classroom for the colour red and found some materials to make our own 'Little Red Hen'.

We have been learning about farm animals from a variety of non fiction books, the children went outdoors and



made their own (muddy!) pond for the ducks and have been playing with a variety of farm animals.

In maths we have been learning all about the number 2, the children



searched indoors and outdoors for things that could come to our number 2 party! The children also searched outside for red hens that Mrs Collinson had hidden, they carefully counted how many they could find.

We have also played some games each day for maths week, including throwing bean bags in a bucket and counting how many we managed to get in. We compared buckets saying who had more or less.

In phonics we have been making and listening to animal noises that we might hear on a farm and matching the animal to the noise.

This week we have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Mary had a Little Lamb' and we acted out the nursery rhyme and have been learning where the wool for our jumper comes from.



## St Joseph's Minnie Vinnies

Our Minnie Vinnie Year 6 group have been continuing to meet weekly during these challenging times. We are praying for our parish community and school family.



The Minnie Vinnies were delighted to celebrate mass with Mrs Vernon and her family in our beautiful church before she retired.

We look forward to celebrating mass again as a whole school community very soon!

This week at the 11th hour of 11th day of the 11th Month we have had a 2 minute silence in

school to remember all who lost their lives to war.

The Minnie Vinnies have created a beautiful display in our school foyer and all classes have been writing prayers and creating art work.



**Our Minnie Vinnies Pledge continues by ;**  
Caring for, respecting and loving myself  
Strengthening my friendship with Jesus by talking to him each day  
Caring for others in my school and community by being a friend to those who are alone.  
Making my friends happy by my help, respect and show kindness  
Caring and enjoying God's world

# Year 5

The children have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in to Year 5 well. They have adapted to the changes without complaint and do their best to follow the new rules.

During the Autumn term we concentrate on number within our Maths lessons. The children have continued to develop their place value, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills. In addition the children have also learnt new mathematical concepts such as factors, prime number, square numbers and cubed numbers.

In Science, the children Space. They now know why we have night and day, why we have seasons and which planets make up the solar system.

In History the children have been learning about the transatlantic slave trade and are



now aware that slavery is still taking place today. They have learnt about the treatment of slaves in America and how some slaves were able to escape. In addition, in our English lessons we have learnt about the real-life story of a man named Henry 'Box' Brown who escaped slavery by mailing himself to freedom.



## PE Kit Reminders

At the moment, children need to come into school in their PE kit on their PE day. Their PE should consist of:

- t-shirt
- hooded/zip up jacket/sweatshirt,
- tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings
- socks and old/cheap trainers (preferably not pumps as PE will be held outside as much as possible)

**Remember** children should not wear expensive clothes or football kits as there is a risk of them getting muddy or marked during outdoor PE sessions, or during the rest of the day in class.

# School Attendance

Attendance is below our target, well done to all who have achieved or are close to 100%!  
and to everyone who has made such an effort to be in school every day this week  
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at 97% or above.

**Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 94%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 95%**



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
2Yr Olds : Mrs Higgins	80%	86%
Foundation 1: Miss Howard	92%	92%
Foundation 2 : Miss Turner	97%	100%
Foundation 2 : Mrs Walker	95%	98%
Year 1: Miss Last	90%	97%
Year 2: Miss Finnigan	94%	96%
Year 3 Miss Davies	94%	95%
Year 4 Mr Broughton	92%	94%
Year 5: Miss J Allen	92%	94%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	91%	91%

## Pupils should wash their hands:

before leaving home  
on arrival at school  
after using the toilet

after breaks and sporting activities  
before food preparation  
before eating any food,  
including snacks  
before leaving school.



## Baptismal Preparation



Baptism preparation meetings are currently suspended but you can still make arrangements to have your child baptised at St Joseph's Church

please contact

Fr Devan or Fr Ramesh  
On 0151 638 1520

To arrange an informal Baptism preparation meeting



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

Headteacher Mrs M Hollis

School Office 13th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to say how blessed and proud I feel to have been appointed as headteacher of St Joseph's. Many thanks for the words of support and for the warm welcome I have received. I have high expectations for all aspects of school life and believe that all children deserve an education without limits. I am looking forward to our journey together; my aims are firmly rooted in Gospel values of love, care and respect.

St Joseph's has played a huge part in my development as a teacher and leader over the past 19 years, it has positively shaped who I am today. I am committed to providing your children with the positive experiences that St Joseph's has provided me. I am looking forward to strengthening bonds with those families that I have already worked with and starting a new journey with those families that have joined over the past two years, during my time away. I believe that you as parents play a vital role in the education of your children; team work between home and school is key to a successful education.

I understand that these unprecedented times, due to Covid-19 can be worrying. Please feel assured that we have a robust risk assessment in place to keep our school community safe. If you do feel anxious or have any questions related to

Covid-19 please contact the school office; we will then be able to support you further.

I would like to draw your attention to the new lockdown guidelines. It is paramount that we work together to adhere to these. Please see the newly produced poster that clearly outlines the new restrictions. If your child is unwell and you are unsure if they should attend school, please contact the school office for further advice before bringing them to school. Working together will ensure that we keep our own families and our school family safe. Please keep an eye on our school website for the most recent Covid-19 updates.

Today we have joined in with fundraising nationally for 'Children in Need.' Many thanks for your kind donations, which will help to support those children in need.



Stay safe, God bless.

Mrs Hollis

## Class DOJO

Please make sure that you are connected to your child's class and their class teacher via Class DOJO. This is the best way to have a conversation with your class teacher if you need to share any news, or ask any questions. If you need to speak to them, you can ring the office to arrange a call back.

