

Y5 and Y6

The Year 5 and 6 children have been working hard, both at home and at school. During this unusual half term, the children have had to get to grips with using Google Classroom and developing a new routine. The children have been fantastic and have tried hard to engage with online meetings and with working online.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and working out which animal represents their year of birth. In school the children were able to try some Chinese food, needless to say they had a great day!

Thursday was World Book Day and the children enjoyed getting dressed up and taking part in some themed activities. There was a competition to create a book character from a potato and an assembly run by David Walliams.

At home, the children took part in a World Book Day quiz and designed their own book character.



Fair Play for F1 and F2



This week is Justice week. F1 and F2 have been focusing on the topic of fairness. We read 'The Rainbow Fish' and discussed sharing and being fair. We used different materials to create our own fish and made sure we shared the different resources with our friends.

We also read Mr Wolf's Pancakes and discussed why it isn't fair that Mr Wolf's neighbours don't treat him nicely. We talked about ways we can show kindness to others and treat them well.

warm water helped to free him! The children did a fantastic job predicting and exploring.

We had a great time getting dressed up for World Book Day, we read some of our favourite stories and shared these with our friends. We read 'What the Ladybird Heard' and did lots of lovely activities based around this story.



We have continued to learn our story 'Supertato' and the children had to help with a dilemma this week- Supertato had been frozen in ice by the Evil Pea! After trying different methods such as stamping, banging and cutting, we found that



LENT 2021 - our school value for March is Forgiveness

Throughout Lent we spend time thinking and discussing our special school values.

This month our special value is Forgiveness and every class throughout the school will discuss how we try to forgive each other and learn to live as Jesus taught us to.

We gather together in our bubbles for collective worship, discussions in class, art work and relevant stories. These simple key values are ones that all children can clearly understand and should be known to them. We want our children to be able to discuss, talk about and understand values in a real way that will impact on their everyday lives.

These are aims that follow our school value that "Together in faith, we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"



Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis proclaimed this year 'The Year of St Joseph'

Celebrating the life of St Joseph, and calling on him for help, is particularly relevant in this time of universal turmoil when so many of us are having difficulties in their life.

Throughout the Year of St Joseph, the church is reminding us that we have a powerful ally in Heaven who, having lived and worked so long in the shadows like so many unsung heroes, is working tirelessly for us and us in here and now.

We look forward to celebrating the Feast of St Joseph on Friday 19th March.

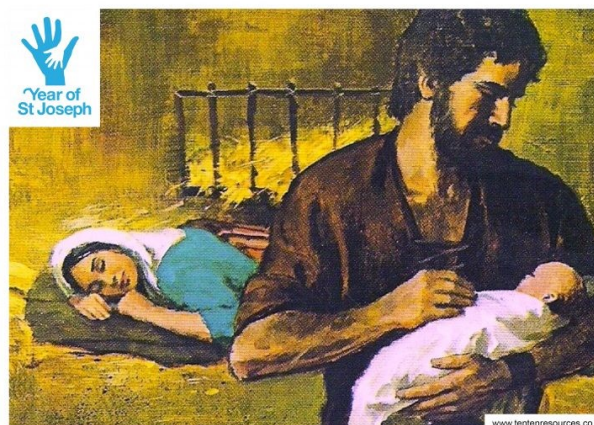
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Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

Pope Francis remembers the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021, and has written this prayer to commemorate the year.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*



School Attendance

Attendance is below our target, well done to all who have achieved or are close to 100%

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at 97% or above.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: %

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: %



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
2 year olds: Mrs Higgins		
Foundation 1 Miss Howard		
Foundation 2 Miss Turner		
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker		
Year 1: Miss Last		
Year 2: Miss Finnigan		
Year 3 Miss Davies		
Year 4 Mr Broughton		
Year 5: Miss J Allen		
Year 6: Miss Morgan		



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.

Class	Drop Off	Pick Up	Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Two Year Old Provision	8.55	11.45	Yr3	9.00	15.20
F1	8.55	11.45	Yr4	9.00	15.20
F2	8.45	15.00	Yr5	9.05	15.30
Yr1	8.50	15.10	Yr6	9.05	15.30
Yr2	8.50	15.10			



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Headteacher Mrs M Hollis

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our last newsletter of this lockdown period. Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for coming together and offering each other support. Parents/Carers, you have risen to the home-schooling challenge; we have appreciated your efforts throughout this difficult time. I would like to thank our school staff for supporting our children unconditionally. I know it has been difficult for staff to juggle home life and work, whilst trying to maintain a good work life balance. The pandemic has brought about many positives and strengths, allowing us to focus on things we may previously have taken for granted. May we hold onto these positives as we enter into the next part of this journey together.

Please be patient with us for the return on Monday, we too are learning to adjust to new routines and expectations. Teachers will work with all children to establish routines and to work on familiarising the children with our behaviour expectations. We have devised a curriculum that will support your child's mental health and well-being and will focus on catch up of lost learning. Teachers will be giving the children plenty of time outdoors and will take part in art, PE and music to help them readjust into school life.

Our risk assessment has been updated, inline with current government guidance, it can be found on the school website. Please take time to read it and familiarise yourself with the measures we are taking to continue to keep our school family safe.

There are some main points for you to consider:

- ♦ Children must not bring unnecessary items into school
- ♦ School start and finish times will continue to be staggered
- ♦ Only one adult may accompany children during drop off and pick up time (please see details on the back page)
- ♦ Adults must adhere to socially distancing guidelines during drop off and pick up times
- ♦ Children are not expected to wear face coverings during the school day
- ♦ Children must not attend school if they or anyone else in the household has Covid-19 symptoms

We have been informed of the following guidance:

Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils

- ♦ From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:
- ♦ through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- ♦ at a local test site
- ♦ by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- ♦ by ordering a home test kit online

We are waiting on further information on how you can access tests, to enable you to take part in this twice-weekly testing. Please continue to keep up to date with school information by checking emails, Dojo, Twitter and the school website.

As we move through Lent towards the end of this unusual term, may our eyes be fixed on the message of hope that Easter brings.

God has a plan for your life. The more you love God and love others, the more His plan will be revealed to you.

God bless,

Mrs Hollis

