



Ash Wednesday



Today is Ash Wednesday: the first day of Lent. Lent is the forty days before Easter when we try especially hard to be more like Jesus, forgiving, loving, praying and working harder. During mass today, Canon Nunan made a cross with ashes on our foreheads. He reminds us to be sorry, to turn away from the bad things in our lives and to follow Jesus by doing good, by loving and caring and making people happy.

Thank you to our Mini Religious Development team who read in mass today! Thank you to year 6 for reading the bidding prayers.

Culture Week

This week is culture week and we kicked started the week with Samba Drumming! The children had a great time! **Thank you to the Friends of St Joseph's for funding the Samba Drumming – which was a great experience for all!!** The activities that have continued as part of culture week have been fantastic! There has been cooking, food tasting, art, drama, music and design!

Attendance

Average Attendance Figure

20.02.2017 – 24.02.2017

FS2	90.8%
Y1	100%
Y2	100%
Y3	97.3%
Y4	98.4%
Y5	97.7%
Y6	85.2%
Total	95.5%

A huge well done to year 1 and year 2 who achieved 100% attendance last week!

World Book Day

Tomorrow is World Book Day! We are looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters! Year 6 will be having their 1960s dressing up day!

Year 3 Retreat Day

Tomorrow year 3 have their retreat down at church. They will be returning to school in the afternoon for their world book day activities.

Sunday 19th March 10am Family Mass: St Joseph's Day

All welcome! The children will be sat together, playing instruments, bringing forward the offertory and saying the readings at mass. We hope to see as many families there as possible. There will be refreshments in the church hall after mass!

At 9am there is a meeting in the church hall led by Deacon Charlie, for those children making their First Holy Communion this year. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Good Shepherd Appeal

This year there will not be a collection from Catholic Care using the Smartie tubes but there will be a collection for The Good Shepherd Appeal in the final week of this half term.

Show & Share

Show and share sessions are now in full swing in KS2. Year 3 and Year 6 parents have joined us over the last week. It has been great to see so many parents coming into school to join their children in their lessons and I know there has certainly been a lot of learning going on...and even a little bit of healthy competition between pupils and parents with their maths and spellings challenges!



Important Dates

Please continue to regularly check the school website calendar for key dates and events!

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March Parents Evenings

Sunday 19th March 10am Family

Mass: St Joseph's Day

Saturday 25th March 11am

Reconciliation

Sunday 7th May 11:30am First Holy Communion

FOSJ Upcoming Events

Please see the newsletter from the FOSJ for more information!

Thursday 16th March – KS1 Movie Night

Friday 17th March – KS2 Movie Night