

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Reception's Spring Term Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. I hope you have all enjoyed it! Also, thank you for all your support last term, in ensuring your child arrives in school at 8:45am ready to start their day at 9:00am.

The children have settled back into the Reception routine very quickly. They have all enjoyed the opportunity to explain what they did during their Christmas holiday.

Please speak to me, Mrs Lowe or Miss Giovenco if you have any queries or concerns at all! Miss Wisniewski 😊

Phonics: We will continue our phonic programme this half term that will involve learning letter names and sounds, blending (putting sounds together to read words) and segmenting (hearing sounds in words to spell). Children will also learn some new tricky and high frequency words (words with sounds that do not blend together) and many children learn these words by sight.

Literacy: The story book we will be reading and exploring this half term is 'Three Billy Goats Gruff.'

Mathematics: Your child will be developing their number skills in counting, adding and subtracting. We will also be looking at measure.

RE: In RE this term we will be learning about Baptism,

### Events:

This term we will be:



- Taking part in English Parent Workshops on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- Taking part in the sponsored pancake flip on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- Having our first class assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January all about Martin Luther King
- Having our second class assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March where we will be teaching an RE story.
- Learning about the Stations of the Cross
- Joining in with the Lenten Service in Church on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

*Further information on these events will follow nearer the time.*

### PE:

During Tuesday's PE sessions this term with Miss Wisniewski, children will learn the importance of warming up and will play lots of warm up games. This term we will be focusing on creating sequences and practising gymnastics such as jumping/forward rolls/handstands.

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Donations: If you have any unwanted items of school clothing that would contribute to our collection of spare uniform and underwear please think about donating it to us. We always need underwear including sweatshirts, socks and tights. Any donations will be gratefully received.

### Homework reminder:

As you know, your child is given a homework bag with a mathematics and phonics book. Each week you need to complete the pages stated on the homework slip. Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned no later than the following Thursday in order for it to be marked and returned to you by Friday.

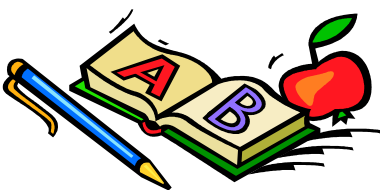
### Theme Weeks:

We will be continuing with our fantastic Theme Weeks this term which the children really enjoy. The Parent Notice Board in the Early Years Unit will tell you the theme for the following week!

### Don't forget:

Please make sure your child brings their book bag into school every day as we will use them frequently as means of communication. Your child's book bag will have their home school link book, reading record, reading book and any letters or notices that are to be sent home. Your child will have their reading book changed once a week. You can help your child by finding a quiet time to listen to them read for a maximum of about 10 minutes as often as possible. Your help can make a huge difference to your child's progression. It would be most helpful if you could keep a record of when you hear your child read in their reading record as this helps inform us of their progress outside of school. We value your comments.

All children need a PE kit that fits them in school at all times consisting of: black shorts, white T-shirt and pumps or trainers and ensure that the P.E. kit is labelled.



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