



The Communicator

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Best attending class last week was Year 3 with 98%

Reception class 2019 - Applications are now closed

Nursery class 2019 - Applications are now closed

Happy St David's Day. St David is one of our house saints here at St Joseph's and is famous for saying, just before he died, "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things." The children and staff will try to live by this advice.

Thank you to all those who came to Parents Evening – I hope that you found it useful to talk to your child's teacher and look at their work.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children may come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. There will be a prize for each class for someone who has tried hard with their costume. During the day, children from KS2 will share a story with a child from KS1. KS2 children may wish to bring a suitable favourite story of their own from home or they can choose a book from school to read. Children in Y6 will be reading to children in Y1, children in Y5 will be reading to Reception, children in Y4 will be reading to children in Y2 and children in Year 3 will be reading to children in Nursery. Children should have bought home a £1 book voucher

Momo

You may have heard about the online hoax 'Momo' which is popping up online, often part way through children's videos including Peppa Pig. Although the character is not real, it can be quite frightening for children and encourages them to do dangerous dares. Attached to the Communication is a flyer to help you look out for Momo and talk to your children about it. Please, please do take a few minutes to read it and talk to your children.

Parent Questionnaires

Your views as parents are important to us so each year we ask you to fill in a questionnaire to tell us your views on our school. Many of you were able to fill in a questionnaire at Parents Evening – thank you for taking the time to do so. If you have not yet filled in a questionnaire, there are some on the small table in the main entrance. Please help yourself and return it to the office, myself or your child's teacher in the next few days.

Please see dates on the back of this newsletter

Star of the Week



Nursery - Logan Russell
Reception - Heidi Burgess
Year 1 - Scarlett Grimes
Year 2 - Hallie Jones
Year 3 - Julia Prokopiuk
Year 4 - Leila Lesti
Year 5 - Alivia-Marie Davies
Year 6 - Evie Wakefield

Citizenship award

(for showing attitude and actions of being an excellent citizen of St Joseph's)

Year 1 - Lexi Jones
Year 2 - Rosemarie Braddock
Year 3 - Harriet Bailey
Year 4 - Poppy Hiller
Year 5 - Lucas Coulborn
Year 6 - Codie Sowerbutts

Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Year 1 - Ella-Louise Kinder-Rigby
Year 2 - Phoebe Gilbert-Edwards
Year 3 - Jack Steele
Year 4 - Bella Grimes
Year 5 - Darcey-Mae Murphy
Year 6 - Summer Burton

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Mass Times

Kidsgrove (6.30pm) Saturday
Goldenhill (11.00am) Sunday
Packmoor (6.30pm) Sunday

Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 5th March** - Y3 Visit to Chester Grosvenor museum
- **Tuesday 5th March** - Reception music workshop at The Old Vicarage
- **Wednesday 6th March** - Ash Wednesday service in Church at 9.30am. *Children from all classes will be walking to Church to receive ashes. Families are welcome to join us - please remember that Ash Wednesday is a sombre and reverent occasion. There will be **NO Success Assembly today**.*
- **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day. *Children can choose to dress up as a character from a book or come to school in their pyjamas ready for a bed time story. No footballers please.*
- **Monday 11th to Friday 15th March** - STEAM week
- **Monday 11th to Friday 15th March** - Gotta Sing concert (choir only)
- **Wednesday 13th March** - Y3 climbing at Kilnworx
- **Thursday 14th March at 9.30am** - KS2 Mass led by Y3 in school. Please come and join us .
- **Friday 15th March** - Parent drop in morning. *Please come and do art with your children in their classroom from 9.15am*
- **Monday 18th March** – Dance Extravaganza at the Victoria Hall
- **Tuesday 19th March** – St Joseph’s Day Mass in church at 9.30am
- **Friday 22nd March** – Y4 visit to Regent Theatre
- **Thursday 28th March at 9.30am** - KS1 Mass in school, lead by Year 2. Please come along if you can
- **Thursday 28th March** - Y3 and recorder group at the Victoria Hall for the Recorder Festival
- **Wednesday 3rd April** - Y2 visit to Cadbury World

Mary’s Meals

You may remember that, at the end of our Carol Concert in December, there was a collection for Mary’s Meals. Your donations, along with other donations from our Partnership of Parishes, were sent to the Mary’s Meals charity to sponsor Toleza Primary School in Malawi. Thanks to your generosity, 380 boys and 416 girls are able to go to school each day and have a nutritious meal of vitamin enriched porridge. Without our help, these children may not be able to go to school and may not eat a good meal each day. Ndasalatati is 11 years old and he travels a long way to Toleza Primary School with his brothers and sisters each day. He said “Porridge makes me feel full. I do better in lessons and I pass my exams now that I can concentrate in class.” Some of our fundraising in Lent will be to help the children of Toleza Primary school.



Thank you for your kind generosity. You can find out more about Toleza Primary School and Mary’s Meals at

http://www.partnershipparishes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SAS-Report-Toleza_Partnership-of-Parishes-2018.pdf



As well as asking St David to pray for us today, we are asked to pray especially for those looking for work this weekend. In school we will be getting ready for the start of Lent and thinking especially about saying sorry to put things right with God, our friends and family.