

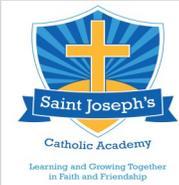


# The Communicator

Friday 8th March 2019

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Best attending class last week was Year 1 with 98.7%

**Reception class 2019 - Applications are now closed**

**Nursery class 2019 - Applications are now closed**

### Uniform

We have a number of donated items of uniform and also some lost property.

If your child has lost any items of clothing or needs items of uniform but you are struggling to afford it and would be happy with pre-loved uniform then call at the office and we will see what we have for you.

Anything left at the end of next week will be thrown away as we do not have the room to store it any longer.



Congratulations to Miss Forrester who is expecting a baby in August. I know that you will keep Miss Forrester and her unborn baby in your prayers. Miss Forrester will begin her maternity leave during the summer holidays. I will keep you updated with plans for staffing next year.



### Upcoming PTFA events

- Friday 15th March - Deadline for Easter Egg Hunt poster competition (Please find attached a flyer)
- Wednesday 27th March - Mother's day sale (in school time)
- Wednesday 10th April - Easter Egg hunt at 3.30pm

### Lent

Lent began this week. The children have been learning that, during Lent, we grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and raising money to help those in need. We also ask God to forgive our sins so that we are ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday. The children have brought home a Father Hudson's collection box this week. The Father Hudsons charity helps children, adults and families all over the United Kingdom. Our own family support worker, Jackie Kelsall, is partly funded by the Father Hudsons charity. Father Hudsons also helps the homeless, adults with learning difficulties and disabilities, older people with dementia and supports fostered and adopted children. If you are able to put any loose change or money saved by giving up a treat into the box, please return it to school so that we can send it on to Father Hudsons. All donations, however small, will be gratefully received.

As you know, we have been working with Family, Youth and Kids and Egmont publishers on a project about reading and story time in KS2. Many thanks to those parents who were interviewed or completed questionnaires as part of the project. The project is now finished and the research was published this week. The Guardian newspaper and the Times Education Supplement printed stories about the research and our involvement! We are famous! You can read the news stories at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/mar/04/give-older-children-story-time-to-halt-fall-in-young-readers-urge-experts>  
<https://www.tes.com/news/decline-storytime-affecting-pupil-wellbeing-says-publisher>

You can follow us on Twitter!  
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### Mass Times

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

**Please see dates on the back of this newsletter**

*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

- **Monday 11th to Friday 15th March** - STEAM week
- **Monday 11th March** - Gotta Sing concert (choir only)
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Y3 climbing at Kilnworx.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 join your child for an Art session in their class from 10-11am. No booking needed, just sign in at the office. If you have more than one child in school, you are very welcome to move between them.*
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Dance Extravaganza at the Victoria Hall
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – St Joseph’s Day Mass in church at 9.30am . *Please come and join us to celebrate Mass in honour of the patron saint of our school.*
- **Thursday 21st March** - Y6 Puberty Talk from the school nurse
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Y4 visit to Regent Theatre
- **Tuesday 26th March** - Y6 Inspire workshop
- **Wednesday 27th March** - Mother’s Day Sale (in school time)
- **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



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded prizes for their Fancy dress costumes on World Book Day. From left to right :-

- Zofia Korba
- William Hargreaves
- Leila Lesti
- Mason Tabbenor
- Layla-Grace Bradley
- Kelisienna Doherty
- Oscar Jones
- Ruby Worgan
- Noah Sutton



Our ‘Prayer of the month’ for March is the Act of Contrition and the children are saying it each day in school to help them during Lent. Perhaps you could pray the Act of Contrition at home.

**O my God, Because you are so good,  
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,  
And by the help of your grace, I will not sin again.**

**Amen**



Next week is Dementia Prayer Week. I’m sure this is a subject close to many of our hearts. Please remember those with dementia, their families, carers and the doctors and nurses who care for them in your prayers. There are a few Dementia prayer cards on the table in Reception; please help yourself if you would like one.