



# The Communicator

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Best attending class last week was Year 3 and 4 at 100 %

The children are now settled back into school and are working hard and learning well. I know that some of you were, understandably, concerned about the positive case of Covid in school at the beginning of the week. At the time of writing, no further cases have been reported within that (or any other) class and the classroom has been deep cleaned ready for the return of the children on Tuesday.

### Covid safety

Many thanks for your co-operation with our staggered start and finish times, face coverings and the one way system. We understand that these things are a little inconvenient but they are essential for everyone's safety. It will help to reduce congestion around school if parents **do not arrive earlier than their drop off and pick up time** – this is particularly important in Y1 and Y2 as space is limited.

### School Uniform

Many thanks to those parents who have been able to rectify incorrect uniform and PE kit this week. It is important that children wear their correct uniform and PE kit so that they look and feel smart and ready to learn. Please remember that, for PE, children should be wearing navy shorts or plain navy jogging bottoms only. Leggings are not part of our PE uniform.



### Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder that our Nursery and Reception children will take part in an Easter Bonnet parade in school which will be filmed and shared with parents as we are unable to invite you into school. Children in Nursery and Reception should bring their Easter Bonnet into school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Coronavirus testing for our families

The government is now encouraging any adult living in a house or in a support or childcare bubble with a school age child to carry out twice weekly Covid testing of themselves at home. This is to help identify those who may have Covid without symptoms and is important because primary school children are not being tested unless they have symptoms. Unless you are accessing regular Covid testing through your work, I strongly encourage you to collect a pack of test kits from a testing centre and test yourself at home twice a week. This will help to protect you, your children, those you come into contact with as well as our school community. School staff are testing twice weekly; we quickly got used to testing ourselves and it is now second nature. You can find your nearest test collection centre at <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

### WOW award



- Nursery - George Bourne
- Reception - Ezimai Kelsall
- Year 1 - Chace Sowerbutts
- Year 2 - Alfie Owen
- Year 3 - Amira Mahmood
- Year 4 - Phoebe Gilbert Edwards
- Year 5 - Finley Hoskins
- Year 6 - Jessica Osborne

### Values and Virtues (Attentive and Discerning)

- Nursery - Prince-Elior Mbianda
- Year 1 - Tommy Hodnett
- Year 2 - Emily Callen
- Year 3 - Persayus Doherty
- Year 4 - Matilda Hellowell
- Year 5 - Acacia Zhang
- Year 6 - Scarlett Murphy

### Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

- Nursery - Harley Evans
- Reception - Lucas Barnett
- Year 1 - Abbie Green
- Year 2 - Lily Green
- Year 3 - Leo Wiltshaw
- Year 4 - Hallie Jones
- Year 5 - George Goldspink
- Year 6 - Paiten Clews

You can follow us on Twitter!



### Sunday Mass Times

All public masses currently suspended

**Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully before school starts and after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt. Children should not be playing on playground equipment after school– please support us by ensuring that your children stay with you after collection. Thank you.**

### National day of reflection

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March marks the anniversary of the first national lockdown and is being honoured as a National day of reflection. Although we will, of course, be remembering all those who have lost their life to Covid 19, our theme in school will be hope. We will be planting to symbolise hope, writing prayers and lighting up the prayer garden to remind us that God is always with us.



God of Love,  
As we think about all that has changed this year,  
help us to trust that you are always with us.  
As we remember those who have died,  
help us to trust they are at peace with you.  
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,  
may hope shine out in every heart and home.  
Amen

### Diary Dates

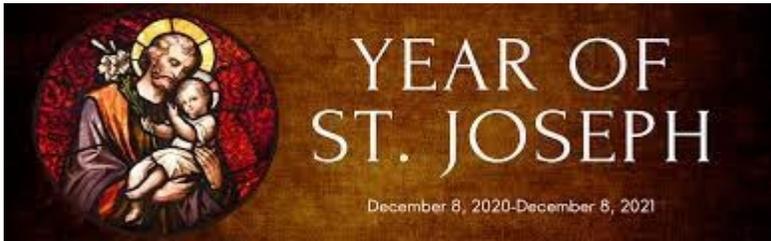
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – national day of reflection activities in school  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Mindfulness session for Reception and Year 6 children should wear their PE Kit  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery and Reception children should bring their Easter Bonnet into school if they wish to take part in the parade.  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Mindfulness session for Nursery and Year 4 Children should wear their PE kit  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – school closes for the Easter holidays  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – school reopens to staff and pupils

### Snacks

Please remember that, as stated in our Food Policy, children should only bring a healthy snack such as fruit or yogurt, for break time. If children do bring something which does not fit with our healthy snack policy, they will be asked to put it back in their bag to take home and will be provided with a piece of fruit instead.



### Catholic life



On Wednesday we celebrated St Patrick's Day and today we celebrate St Joseph's Day. St Joseph's Day is always a special occasion in our school because St Joseph is the patron saint of our school. The feast of St Joseph is especially important this year because Pope Francis has proclaimed the year from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to be the "Year of St. Joseph." This is to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. This year we are invited to follow St. Joseph's example, pray with him and entrust our work to him as the patron saint of workers. In school, we have had a week of prayer to St Joseph and said the following prayer every day:

Dear St Joseph,  
God trusted you to care for his Son, Jesus  
and Mary, your wife.  
Blessed Joseph,  
We ask you to be like a father to us.  
Guide us and ask God  
to give us hope and courage,  
and to keep us safe from harm.  
St Joseph,  
Pray for us.

Today we celebrated with assembly, writing prayers and reflections in class and, of course, cake!

I wish you a restful weekend. Please remember to follow the current restrictions so that they can be reduced as soon as possible. As always, we are here to support all our families in whatever way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us.