



Learning and Growing Together
in Faith and Friendship

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Dear Parents/Carers and Reception Class,

We hope you've had a lovely Easter half term and had lots of Easter eggs from the Easter bunny. We hope you liked our video message- your teachers had lots of fun making this for you and we hope it made you smile.

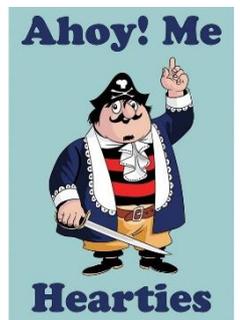
Thank you to all the parents who have sent in email updates. We have loved seeing pictures of you being busy and carrying out your home learning activities. It has been lovely to see your faces again.

Don't forget we now have our very own school Facebook page. Please follow and like us to receive further updates. Our school facebook page is **St Joseph's, Goldenhill**. The following link will direct you to our school page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Goldenhill-103397171298179>

Welcome to the Summer term (our final term of the academic year). Our topic this half term is **'Amazing Adventures, Ahoy, Me Hearties!'**



We have updated the **Home Learning Page** with lots of fun and exciting activities for you. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca>. Remember to keep checking as we are updating this all the time.



This week please can you try the following activities: We have included direct links below for you. Happy online learning!

Phonics- Remember to keep practising your phase 2/3 sounds and tricky words daily on <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3>. Use the flashcards and tricky word trucks like we do at school. We have also included copies of the tricky words on the website so you could always use some card and make your own flashcards. Some of you may also be ready for phase 4 tricky words so we have included a copy of these for you as well. If you are confident with phase 2/3 have a try at practicing the phase 4 blends and clusters (these are sounds you already know that blend together to make new sounds) and reading the CCVC and CVCC words on the online videos. Please can you all try the 'Phase 3 Yes or No Questions' this week as well? How many can you answer correctly? We love to answer these at school!
<https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/reception-phonics>

Reading- Remember you should be doing a little bit of reading everyday. Go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> which has lots of free reading scheme books at your level. Another free website is: <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx> there are **LOTS** of reading books all the way from PINK -> LIME level so all of you can be accommodated. Here are the log on details via the **TEACHER** portal:-

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Username: **parents@harpercollins.co.uk**

Password: **Parents20!**

and click Login.



If you haven't already done so please can you read the 'Pirates Love Underpants' story. We have included an audible copy on the website, however if you have the story book at home that would be even better. This story is our starting text for our new topic and lots of our activities this week are linked to this book, so it would be a good idea to read it first. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/literacy-reading-story-time>

Literacy- How are you getting on with your daily diaries? Remember to keep adding to these, drawing pictures and writing sentences of all the wonderful things you have been doing each day. Don't forget your capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. This week please can you complete the matching upper and lower case letters interactive game on Twinkl (remember you can access this for free during this period). Can you also have a go at writing a pirate wanted poster for one of the pirates from the story 'Pirates Love Underpants'? Draw a picture of your pirate, give your pirate a name and remember to write what they are wanted for. Afterwards, you could tear the edges of your wanted poster and/or stain it with teabags to make it look authentic. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/literacy-reading-story-time>

Maths- Are you remembering to do your daily counting? Counting forwards and backwards to 20 and counting in 10's from 0-100. It's really important that we do this everyday for consistency and so we don't forget. Remember to apply your counting when out and about. How many cyclists can you see on your walk? How many steps did you go down? Etc. This will help you to apply your counting in a range of contexts. This week can you try the o'clock matching game, the properties of 3D shapes interactive activity and the 'All about Number 11' and 'All about number 12' powerpoints. Afterwards, you could practise forming these numbers correctly. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/reception-maths>

Understanding the World- How are you getting on with your weather diaries? Did you enjoy your Spring walk? Did you spot lots of daffodils and blossoms growing? This week please can you try the floating and sinking activity? Ask a grown up to fill up a bowl, bucket or paddling pool with water and gather a range of objects. Predict which you think will float or sink then test the objects to see if you were correct. You could also try to make your own boat that floats. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-the-world-around-us>

Creative- This week can you design a NHS Thank You poster? Once you have finished you could display it in your window and send us a picture via the school email. Can you also design, draw, colour and label a pirate treasure map? Don't forget to include your 'x marks the spot'. Afterwards you could stain it using teabags to make it look authentic. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/creative>

RE- Have you remembered to keep saying your daily prayers? This week we would like you to have a go at writing your own prayer for all your family and friends asking God to keep them safe. You might want to make some praying hands to write your prayer inside like in this example: <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-re>
Can you also have a go at the 'Easter Story' matching game? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU_Vv5Ew
You could watch the story of Jesus' Resurrection using the Beginner's Bible online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-easterperformance>



PE- Remember to get out and about for some fresh air and exercise at least once a day. Don't forget PE with Joe Wicks' each morning, Monday-Friday 9am on YouTube. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-pe-and-music-movement>

Virtual Trip- Our Virtual Trip this week is to **The National Aquarium in the USA**. What sea creatures can you spot? Can you draw and label them? You could try to complete an animal description of one of the animals you can see. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-virtual-trips>



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Finally, from next week, myself and Mrs Wilson will be calling you at home every fortnight to check you are okay, see how you are getting on with your home learning and hopefully answer any questions you may have. We will be calling on a withheld number and will leave a voice message and call again at a later time if we can't get through. Please do answer; we would love to hear about how you are getting on and hear your voices again.

We miss you all, have a super week! Miss Mogford, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Bradley ☺



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