



## NEWSLETTER 17: February

### Mission Week

What an exciting week we have had working together to re-write our mission statement. The children have taken part in lots of activities during the week and helped to design the Prayer Stations. It was lovely to see so many families at Mass on Thursday and to welcome family members into school to visit our Prayer Stations after Mass. I am sure you will agree that the children were very reverent.



**Hair & accessories** - a reminder that no oversized or brightly coloured hair accessories are allowed. Please stick to blue, white, grey or black plain hair ties/bobbles or slides. Also, long hair must be tied back at all times and children must not come to school with dyed hair, shaved in lines or any extreme styles.

**Nail Varnish** - must be removed before children come to school.



**Friends of St Joseph's** - there will be a Friends of St Joseph meeting in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.30 am.



**CAFOD Non-Uniform & Cake Sale** will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in aid of CAFOD. Voluntary donations for the non-uniform day can be made via ParentPay & children can bring 50p into school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to buy a cake.



We are looking for donations of cakes, however, due to a change in the law (Natasha's Law) we are only able to accept shop bought cakes which include full ingredients labelling, including allergens. Please no home baked cakes.



**P.E.** - a reminder that all children must take part in P.E., as part of the National Curriculum, unless they have a note from the Doctor saying that they cannot participate.



**School Meal Price Increase** - from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April the price of school meals will increase:



- KS2 children - increase to £2.20
- Nursery Children - Increase to £2.64

The current meal menu has been extended and meals can be booked for next term from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**BWCET Vision and Values film** - has been uploaded to our website or it can be viewed by clicking on the following link [BWCET Vision and Values.mp4](#)

**World Book Day** - is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children can come to school in fancy dress of their favourite book character.



**Parent/Teacher meetings** - for Y1 - Y6 will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 1.30 pm - 5.30 pm and appointments can be booked <https://stjosephsprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Nursery & Reception parents are invited to attend an open morning on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 8.45 am - 10.30 am. Parents will be able to see a lesson/activity and there will be an opportunity to speak to the EYFS staff following this.

**Batteries** - a reminder that we have a recycling bin in school for used batteries



**Kevan Jones MP** - has resumed face to face Advice Surgeries on the first Saturday of every month. To book an appointment, constituents can email [kevanjonesmp@parliament.uk](mailto:kevanjonesmp@parliament.uk) or call 0191 3718834.



**Swimming Hats** - a reminder that swimming hats must be worn for swimming lessons



## Star of the Week



The following children received a Star of the Week certificate:

- Nursery - Noah for lots of lovely ideas when thinking about what our prayer station might need
- Reception - Olivia for embracing our mission week and coming up with some really thoughtful suggestions
- Year 1 - Louie for always trying his best and producing work of a very high standard
- Year 2 - Oliver for producing an excellent poster about Christopher Columbus
- Year 3 - Ryan for his fantastic participation in the swimming gala which helped us win first place!
- Year 4 - Archie for showing true grit and determination to swim on his back unaided. Well done!
- Year 5 - Yodi for showing a good understanding of water resistance in science. Well done!
- Year 6 - Saskia for answering great questions on algebra



## House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

**St Aidan - 1390**

**St Oswald - 1651**

**St Cuthbert - 1953**

**St Bede - 1582**

**Well done to everyone**



## Attendance

This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
92.5%	96.2%	94.4%	97.0%	95.7%	94.2%	97.6%	96.6%	95.6%

## Pen Licence

The following pupils received their pen licenses this week for their handwriting:

Year 5 - Isaac, Laila & Anya



## Dates for your Diary Updated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Date	Class	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Whole School	Back to school
W/c 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Whole School	Mission week (more details to follow)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5	Space Camp
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Whole School	Non-Uniform day & Cake sale to raise funds for CAFOD
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Whole School	<b>INSET DAY – Children not in school.</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Half Term</b>		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Y1 to Y6	Parents/Teacher Meetings 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Nursery & Reception	Open Morning & Parent/Teacher chat 9.00 am – 10.30 am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Whole School	World Book Day Children can come to school in fancy dress of their favourite book character!
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 1	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 2	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Whole School	Red Nose Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 3	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	Year 4	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Year 5/6	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Stations of the Cross (all welcome).
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>School break up for Easter Holidays at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>First day back after Easter Holidays at 8.50am</b>
<b>End of Spring Term – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>		<b>Return to School on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>



# International Bulletin 4



This month we are learning all about...

## China!



### 10 Fun Facts

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital City:** Beijing
- **Population:** 1.402 billion (2020)
- **Size:** 9.597 million km<sup>2</sup>
- Put together, all of China's railway lines could loop around earth twice!
- Every year is represented by **12 animals**
- 7th-century Emperor Tang of Shang had **94 'ice men'** who made him ice-cream.
- Watch: [The Forbidden City](#) in Beijing contains approx. 9000 rooms!
- You can buy **green bean flavoured ice-pops** in China!
- **Toilet paper was invented** in China in 1391



### Theme of the month: Chinese New Year

Millions of people will be celebrating Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year at the start of February.

*2022 is Year of the Water Tiger!*

[Click here to learn more](#)



### Challenge!

[Click here](#) for some printable activities to celebrate Chinese New Year!

### Meet the staff: 错过 (Miss) James



**Favourite food:** A good curry! And chocolate buttons

**Languages spoken:** Spanish, Italian, French

**Favourite country visited:** Italy

**Fun fact:** I was once the main character in an Italian play (speaking Italian!)

**Why are languages important to me:**

Languages are so much more than learning new words. You can discover new foods, music, art, films, books, ways of thinking, and meet people you would never have met otherwise. Learning languages and exploring cultures different to our own open the doors to new and exciting worlds!

This month try to answer the register in **Mandarin!** Reply with:

*Zǎo shang hao (Good morning)*

[Click here](#) for pronunciation and other greetings!

*Don't forget to share your MFL fun with us at #MFLfunSTB*

