



# St Joseph's News

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*And the Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on Him. Mark 1:12-13*

## Lent

During the Lenten period, we are fundraising for the Catholic Children's Society. The children will be bringing home small collection boxes in which they can put any money they have earned through making sacrifices or by serving others.

The boxes must be returned to school by Wednesday 25 March at the latest so we can ensure the funds are sent on to the charity before Easter.

Please [click here](#) to visit the official website of the Catholic Children's Society to find out information about their mission to support disadvantaged children and their families.



## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

In our Monday morning assembly, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort last week:

Olivia 2M, Mikolaj 2O, Paige 3C, Alberta 3A, Katie 3F, Matylda 4D, Gabrielle 4O, Wasim 5M, Elton 5O, Rheo 5Q, Tre 6R, Iwo 6M and Henrique 6K

**Student Of The Week Certificates** were issued to:

- Josie 4D** for excellent handwriting and great improvement with times tables
- Laura 5M** for excellent participation in team sports
- Ryan 6K** for excellent effort with his work and greatly improved handwriting

## Attendance

This week Classes RG, RO, 3A, 5O, 6R and the full time Nursery Class achieved 100% attendance.

**CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 8.55am.** Year 1 and Year 2 children can arrive from 8.40am and children in Years 3 to 6 can arrive from 8.30am so there is no excuse for persistent lateness. Please support your child's educational progress by ensuring they arrive in plenty of time.

While we enjoy celebrating excellent attendance, we must remember the long term benefits of your child being in school every day - they will access all aspects of the curriculum and reach their full potential. Please arrange routine appointments out of school hours and remember that holidays are banned.

**Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)**

## From Lent to Easter - Year B

Linking School, Parish and Home

### Religious Education

#### Key Idea: From Lent to Easter

This topic is intended for the Spring Term or 2014/2015 and as the conclusion to the previous resource. Having been presented with the story of the Exodus and within it, the Passover, pupils are now taught how it acts as foundation for our own Eucharist. As this is the Year of Mark, pupils will focus on Mark's account of the Last Supper of Jesus.

This resource also teaches the Examen, the Jesuit prayer form, as part of preparation during Lent.

#### Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

**Spiritual Outcomes:** *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

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- A sense of the sacred presence of God in life
- An appreciation of/for Jewish ancestry

- An openness to learning from other faiths
- A willingness to pray

#### Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Make mealtimes a time of celebration and ritual. Be more conscious of sitting at the table, of saying grace and of talking together about your shared, family story.
- Ask your children to talk to you about the class Drawer of Life!

#### An idea for prayer at home



#### Prayer Activity

Pray at bedtime with your children:

God of our day. Thank you for all those who have brought us your love, kindness and care. May tomorrow be filled with a sense of your presence and may we be for others the God you are. Amen.

### Big Pedal

#### Show Some Love For Your Bike

St Joseph's is taking part in the annual 'Big Pedal' event which starts on 2 March and ends on 20 March.

Please click [here](#) for further information.

On Friday 13 February, we held our 'Show Some Love For Your Bike' competition and we had some fantastic entries, especially from our younger children.

In the Infants, 1st prize was awarded to Weronika (1M), 2nd prize went to Viktoria (1M) and the 3rd prize was given to Peter (RO).

From the Juniors section, 1st prize was awarded to Jessica (3F) for another wonderful creation. 2nd prize was given to Diego (5O) with Matilde (4O) in 3rd place.

Thank you to everyone who makes the effort on these special occasions so we can have lots of creative fun while learning about road safety.

