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Dear Parents and Carers,
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WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 1st March 2019

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Dress-Up as a Book Character

As mentioned in our email earlier in the week, we will be celebrating World Book Day next Friday 8th March and the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. Please be sure it is a character from literature (i.e. not from cinema or TV unless based on a book). We would also ask that there are no football kits worn. Thank you!

The children will have a chance to show off their costumes at a morning 'parade' assembly for the whole school.



We would like to raise some money for Book Aid International, so if your child could bring in a suggested donation of £1.00, that would be much appreciated.

Children will be given their £1.00 book token during next week and you can find details of books that this £1 will buy if you visit: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Stories, Pyjamas, Hot Chocolate

Towards the end of the day, each class will share a story together and children who wish to do so can change into their **pyjamas** to create a bed-time story atmosphere. We will also provide them with a hot chocolate (or alternative) drink at this time.

FOR BOTH COSTUMES AND PYJAMAS, TO AVOID UPSET OR LOSS,
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

The school does not take responsibility for lost items.



Early Reading – 8.15 to 8.45 am

On the Friday morning, parents are welcome to come to school half an hour earlier than usual and spend some time sharing a book with their child before school begins. Do come along to your child's classroom and help us to encourage a love of reading in them. It will also be a calm and peaceful start to begin the school day.

D-E-A-R – Drop Everything and Read!

During the day a bell will be rung on the hour and children will be encouraged to drop whatever they are doing and read for a few minutes.

Bookmark Colouring

During breaks and lunch-times, there will be resources available for the children to colour in bookmarks, which they will be encouraged to use in their books.



Four Walls Sleep Out – TONIGHT!!!

Tonight as you go to bed in your safe, warm homes, spare a thought for those who are less fortunate and are sleeping rough with no shelter. To raise awareness of this issue as well as raising funds, several brave souls are sleeping in our school basement playground this evening. Some of our own staff are joining in and Father David is popping over to wish us well and pray for a safe night for all.



Please consider making a donation at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fourwallscharity>. As your children have been reminded today, even 50 pence will buy a toothbrush or similar item and will help to restore dignity to those who are so often ignored on the streets around us.

Thank you so much!

RE Homework – Outstanding and New

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their RE Homework which was due in by today. If this is still outstanding, please bring it in on Monday and place it in the large box in the front lobby. All pieces of work should be labelled with the child's name and class. As a reminder, children were asked to choose one of the social justice principles and produce a piece of work relating to their chosen theme.

For the next fortnight we would like children to focus on St Joseph, the patron of our school. Following their research, children can choose to:

- write a prayer to St Joseph;
- write up what they have found out about St Joseph's life, death and his significance in the Church;
- write about the history of St Joseph's School;



We will choose a range of children's work to publish on the school website under the Catholic Life section.

Ash Wednesday Mass – 9.30 am on Wednesday 6th March (St Anselm's and St Caecilia parish)

St Joseph's Day Mass – 9.30 am on Tuesday 19th March (also at St Anselm's and St Caecilia parish)

Parents are welcome to join us at each of these Masses.

RE section on school website – Catholic Life of the School

Ms Logue has been working hard on the Catholic Life section on our school website. Please take a moment to have a look at what the children have been working on and how we teach and celebrate our faith at St Joseph's. We will be updating things as events take place.

Catholic Social Justice Week

As you know this week we have been focussing on Catholic Social Justice in our lessons. We have welcomed visitors from **Caritas, CAFOD and Fair Trade**, who have shared their vision and work with the children. Later in the month we will welcome the organisation **Just Enough**, whose focus is the battle against modern day slavery, in all its forms.

Again, if you take a look at our website, we will be sharing some of the week's activities over the next few days.

Pope Francis Tweet

Continuing the theme of social justice, our chosen tweet from Pope Francis reminds us of our duty as Christians to treat everyone equally, kindly and justly:



If you believe in God you must try to live justly with everyone according to the golden rule: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." (Matt Ch 7 Vs 12)

With every good wish for the weekend.

Kind regards,

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