



St Joseph's Catholic Academy







Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Families,

We are fast approaching our patron's Feast Day Celebration – The Feast of St Joseph on Sunday 19th March. On this day Catholics around the world remember St Joseph, who is especially important to us.

Some traditions in Europe include creating Sicilian altars, where people place biscuits, cakes and cookies at the altar to honour the relief St. Joseph provided during a famine in Sicily. The tradition began in the late 1800's when Sicilian immigrants settled in New Orleans. The crumbs of the biscuits represent the sawdust from the carpentry of St. Joseph.

This year we will be marking the feast day in school on Thursday 16th March. On this day we would like to invite all families to join us at Church to celebrate mass at 10am. After the mass we will be making our way into the school playground, where Fr Chris will be blessing our carving of St Joseph – please do come along.

On Thursday afternoon we will also be holding our annual LENT walk for CAFOD. The children will be walking through Market Harborough and around our school field. Please send your donations into school on this day and all money raised will be sent to CAFOD for their Earthquake appeal. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support. **God bless, Mrs Dabbs**

****CHANGE OF DATE***

Please be aware that we have rescheduled our Open Classrooms for this half term to so that we can welcome all of you into your children's classrooms after the heating works have been completed.

THURSDAY 30th MARCH - Year 1 to 6
FRIDAY 31st MARCH - Foundation
Open Classrooms from 8:40 - 9:30
Refreshments and Curriculum Exhibition in the
School Hall from 9:30 - 10:30

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 16th March – St Joseph Feast Day / walk for CAFOD Friday 17th March – Tree Planting on the school field 2pm-4pm for parents and the Parish community

Mon 27th March – Y3&4 The Passion of Christ (afternoon) Tues 28th March – Y3&4 The Passion of Christ (evening) Thurs 30th March – Open Classrooms for Years 1 to 6 Fri 31st March – Open Classrooms for Foundation Fri 31st March – Last Day of Term

EASTER BREAK

Monday 3rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023 Mon 17th April – Children return to school

Homework Projects* EXTENDED DEADLINE**

Due to the snowy conditions on the way into school this morning we understand that a lot of children were not able to get their homework projects into school safely. Please could all homework projects be handed to class teachers by **FRIDAY 17**th **MARCH.**

Well done to everyone who has already handed their project in – you superstars



Tree Planting - Friday 17th March

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago."
The second best time is TODAY" Chinese Proverb
On this day we will be holding our second tree planting event on our school field, supported by Harborough
Woodland Trust. Our ECO team will be starting the event at 2pm. We warmly invite any keen gardeners or members of our school and parish community to join us at this time to help plant the trees.

Parents and carers are welcome to bring their children along after the usual school collection time.

Please meet Mrs Parker over on the school field!











Well done to everyone for braving the snow and making their way into school today. We are so proud of all our children for their determination and commitment $^{\circ}$