



St Joseph's Catholic Academy



Friday 16th February 2024

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this half term, we would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their continued hard work and fantastic attitude to learning. It was a joy to celebrate the children's achievement at Parents Evening this week. Thank you to everyone for attending.

As we enter the season of Lent, we are looking forward to taking the time to **GIVE, ACT** and **PRAY** together. We have started this week by making our Lent promises and beginning our Thursday Lent prayer session at lunchtime – which is being led by our Chaplains in the library. This will be available to all children every Thursday lunchtime.







Can you help to improve our Forest School? <u>Friday 15th March at 2pm</u>

We are looking for volunteers to help us to improve our Forest School area. If you can help us with any of the following, or can join us on the day, please let us know via the school office. o Do you have carpentry skills? Could you help make...

- * a bench to use as a mud kitchen
- * a simple structure to use as a log store (We do have pallets for this)
- o Donate larger logs we could use for balancing / see saw
- o Volunteers to litter pick and carry larger items to a skip

o Put up our slack line

o Bring your own creative ideas!! Thank you for your support.

Finally, there are a number of our children joining in with the Dance Factory 63 show this weekend – we would like to wish all these children the best of luck!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break. God bless, Mrs Dabbs

Please remember to send your child into school in their PE kits on the following days: *Monday:* Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 *Tuesday:* Year 2 and Year 5 *Wednesday:* Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 *Thursday:* Year 3 and Year 4 *Friday:* Foundation and Year 6 Key dates for your diaries... HALF TERM BREAK Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February

Monday 26th February – Return to school

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (dress up)

Thursday 7th March – Homework Projects to be handed in to class teachers

Monday 11th March – Open Classrooms – Curriculum focus

Tuesday 19th March- Feast of St Joseph Mass at 9:30am at Our Lady of Victories

Tues 19th March – The Passion of Christ in Church Performed by Year 3 & 4 at 2pm & 6:30pm

Friday 22nd March – PTFA Sponsored Walk

A message from Fr Chris...

Children's Liturgy for children of school age up to First Communion begins again on <u>Sunday 25th February at</u> <u>10am Mass</u>. The children are led out at the beginning of Mass by the Catechists and return at the Offertory. All children from Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are warmly invited. Please pick up a registration form from Fr Chris at the Church.





We were so proud of our Chaplains this week, who asked if they could help

distribute the Ashes as Ash Wednesday Mass. Fr Chris kindly agreed and it felt very special watching them genlty and reverently share the Ashes with the entire congregation. Thank you to everyone who joined us it was a lovely Mass and the choir sang beautifully, as did all of the children.

