

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for everyone's continued support since my arrival at St Joseph's. I learnt over half term that myself and hoverboards are not compatible and I'm currently nursing a fractured elbow to remind me. As always, please feel free to pop to the school office anytime if you would like to speak with me or a staff member or catch up with us on the playground before or after school.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book day:** Pupils are asked to attend school in a book related costume (please no sports teams kits). Face paint and creativity are greatly encouraged!!! **Book Swap Shop:** Please can we ask if you have any unwanted books at home that you bring them in for Thursday to share out with other pupils. We also have some surplus books in school that pupils are welcome to. We would like every child to take home a book they haven't read before. Please don't worry if you do not have any books to bring in to school, everyone is welcome to take a book home. The day will be filled with fun around the joy of reading with prizes for the best / most creative costumes.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Big Lent Walk & Red Nose Day:** We will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk fundraiser to help fight global poverty and Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. A day of fun fundraising and also walking laps of our field to raise funds for those in need: We are asking for a £1 donation if possible.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 - Mass in school** – For our Patron Saint St Joseph. ALL ARE WELCOME. We will be providing tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - PTA BAKE SALE** after school. We would like families to bake cakes for **The Great St Joseph's PTA EASTER BAKE OFF!** We will also be holding an **Easter Bonnet** and an **Easter Colouring Competition** with prizes. Please can all entries arrive in school for Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – As part of our Lenten journey, Fr Andrew is spending time in school to meet with classes and make **Confession / Reconciliation** available for pupils. There will also be **Eucharistic Adoration** in the school Chapel. As a Catholic community, Lent is a time of personal reflection about how we can come closer to Christ and at peace with ourselves.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – PTA School disco 3.15 to 4.30** - Music, dancing, fun and a sweet stall in our school hall.

**Praise Assembly:** As always, it's great to see so many parent/carers and family members at Friday's Praise Assembly. This takes place at 2.40 every Friday and all are welcome!

**Parent Governor:** Thank you for returning ballot papers for our Parent Governor election: We are looking forward to working with our newly elected Parent Governor: Miss Angeline Drake.

**Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the sea):** We were blessed with a recent visit by Steve Willows to tell us about how the Stella Maris charity supports seafarers from all over our world. 90% of all imported goods reach our country via cargo ships whose crews spend many months away from their families. Please can we ask for donations of toiletries, toothpaste etc and bags of boiled sweets or chocolate to support this wonderful charity. A very practical way of living out our Catholic Mission. There will be a collection box in the entrance way until we break up on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March for all your donations.

**Safeguarding Team:** If you have any worries or concerns about a child please report this to a member of our Safeguarding team: The DSL is Mr McDonnell, and our Deputy DSLs are Miss J Thorpe, Mrs J Scott and Miss C Westfield. There are posters around school and in the reception area with the DSLs photographs and contact details.

If you have a concern about a local family you can also contact the Local Authority 'Front Door' safeguarding team: 01472 326292 (option 2) or email: [NELCChildrensFrontDoor@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:NELCChildrensFrontDoor@nelincs.gov.uk) **'Never Do Nothing'**

**School places:** We currently still have pupil spaces in all Year Groups. Any positivity that you can share with other families to encourage them to choose St Joseph's would be eternally appreciated.

**Dates:** Please see below for all currently known dates. I know as a working parent how important as much notice as possible is needed to attend events.

Kind Regards, God Bless, Francis McDonnell, Headteacher.

<b>Every Friday</b>	2.40 Praise Assembly - ALL WELCOME
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day: EVERYONE TO DRESS UP! & Book Swop Shop!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform day: Red Nose Day & Big Lent Walk
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Swimming lessons begin - PM
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bake off / Easter Bonnet / Easter Colouring Competition finals <b>BAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30 Mass in school for St Joseph's Feast Day: ALL WELCOME Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits available afterwards.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Fr Andrew to meet with classes: Confession / Reconciliation available for pupils. Eucharistic Adoration in the school Chapel.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>PTA School disco 3.15-4.30</b>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Mon 25 – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	HOLY WEEK
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00 – Passion of Christ Liturgy – ALL WELCOME
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3.10 School closes for Easter</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday: School closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	1.15 KS2 Joint school Mass at Corpus Christi Church - ALL WELCOME
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Testing week (Mon – Thurs)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs party day!
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>3.10 School closes for half term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Pupils and staff return to school</b>
Week Beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Times table testing, two week period begins
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and Leavers Photographs
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics testing / screening week.
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Briars Residential Trip - Further details to follow
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>3.10 School closes for summer</b>
Still lots more dates to be planned 😊	



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