

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet day. During the week children will do activities in school about keeping safe online which they will then share with other classes during assembly. For parents there is a free Safer Internet Day Special Event on Tuesday 8 February, 4.30-5.00 pm, being run by Parentzone live on YouTube. It will cover - What games are appropriate for children? What are the advantages and disadvantages of gaming? How can parents and carers make the right decisions for their family? Under the headline "All fun and games? Your guide to gaming", trainer, Sophie Linington, will explore some of the most frequent questions parents have about gaming. A flyer with the link is attached.

World Mental Health Week

On Wednesday 9th February, we will shine a light on Mental Health Awareness as part of Children's Mental Health week. Children are invited to wear something bright and colourful. Donations of £1 will go towards buying new sensory resources and our new sensory/relaxation zone. On the day children will take part in various activities as well as meeting our nominated pupil mental health ambassadors. We thank you for your support.

Maths day

Where possible we work closely with other schools in the local community. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic much of the collaboration has stopped but we are pleased to say that on Friday 18th February the children will take part in a Times Tables Rockstars day along with other children from the community. They can come into school dressed as rockstars (or just in bright clothing if that's easier!). During the day the children from yr. 2- 6 will take part in maths challenges against other children in the community. All children across the school will take part in fun maths challenges over the course of the week. Any £1 donations that come in will go towards maths resources but it is about having a fun maths day for all the children.

Recycling

We are still collecting plastic lids (any type). If you have any please bring them into classes.

Farewell

This week we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Greenway who is retiring. Mrs Greenway has worked tirelessly at St Joseph's for 20 years. She has supported and made such a difference to so many children. I know you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done and wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet day

Wednesday 9th February – Mufti day £1 for Mental Health resources

Week beginning 14th February – SEND parent meetings letters will be sent out

Thursday 17th February – Visit by Exmoor Zoo for Rec and KS1

Friday 18th February – Times Tables Rockstars mufti day

Friday 18th February – last day of half term

Tuesday 1st March – children return to school for second half of the term

Headteacher's Award: Cherry Class - Amelia, Damian

Gold Awards: Rowan Class - Aurelia

Silver Awards: Oak Class – Tallulah, Maple Class - Lydia

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Jacob, Rowan Class – Poppy B, Sycamore Class – Jessi, Cherry Class – Arthur, Maple Class – Harry K, Beech Class – Amelie