

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

This term seems to be racing through and it is February already. I am not sure where January went. Hope that you have had a great week and are looking forward to the weekend.

**National number day today!**

Today is National Number Day in aid of the NSPCC. It was great to see the children and adults coming into school this morning dressed in numbers. The children have had a great day taking on specific number challenges throughout the day which also included a BIG question or a problem for each class to solve. The challenges were certainly fun and investigative. During the day, the teachers also talked to the children about who the NSPCC are and why we might want to donate to them. Voluntary donations in aid of the NSPCC are welcomed via ParentPay.

**Rowan Class**

Year 1 have been having great fun on Number day. They tried to answer the question 'How long is Rowan Class?' They measured each other using pens and footsteps. They then compared who was longer the girls or the boys

**This Year's academic Attendance**

Our aspiration target is **97%**

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives. The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success!

This week - the class with the highest attendance is  
**Maple**

**Parent Consultations**

Just a reminder that next week is our parent consultations so please ensure that you have booked to meet with your child/rens teacher.

**Year 6 residential**

The Year 6 residential is getting near and the children and teachers are so excited about this bespoke residential to London. Thank you to those who attended the parent's information meeting on Tuesday. Mrs Jukes has sent out a letter to the parents who unfortunately couldn't attend the meeting. Mrs Jukes and Mrs O'Mahony have worked together in a formidable manner to ensure that this residential goes ahead for the children in Year 6. I would like to thank them both for their time and relentless determination.

**SEND Consultations**

Wednesday 7th February- parent send consultation in the hall after drop off. Invite only. Please contact Mrs Monks if you would like to attend.

**Reminder - 5-9th February children's health week.**

At St Joseph's we are committed to well-being and we are excited to celebrate children's mental health week. On Friday 9th February children are invited to wear mufti in the theme of "Express Yourself." Wear your favourite colour or something that makes you feel happy. Donations on Parentpay to support HeadsUp who provide us with in school counselling and have supported us since the pandemic. Our mental health ambassadors have now been fully trained by HeadsUp and our ready to support their peers with well being.

Children are invited to design a poster about all the things that make them happy. KS2 posters should include how to stay healthy in the mind. We will enjoy a whole school dance off and discuss diversity in our family groups.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cook who gives up her time weekly to support children in our time to talk programme and to Mrs Shapter who RiseUp at St Joseph's.

**Gospel Value: Humility**

This week, we have been exploring humility through thinking of ourselves as equal to others. This has allowed us to think more deeply about how our actions can make others feel.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Stephens

**Diary dates:**

W/B 5th February – Parent Consultations – appointment links have been sent by email

9<sup>th</sup> February –Mufti day – theme of 'Express Yourself'

9<sup>th</sup> February 9am - Year 3 class assembly

28th February to 1st March – Year 6 Residential.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 and Year 4 Eden Project

**Headteacher Awards:** Rowan Class – Sophia; Sycamore Class- Zara; Cherry Class –Isabelle P

**Bronze Awards:** Sycamore – Anna, Ruben; Cherry –William; Maple - Connor

**Silver Awards:** Oak – Aila; Rowan – Sofia; Sycamore – Remy, Anastasiia, Penelope; Cherry - Carly

**Gold Awards:** Willow - Leo

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class- Madison; Rowan Class – Ned; Sycamore Class – Bella;

Cherry Class – Gabriel; Maple Class – Roman; Willow Class – Bea; Beech Class – Chloe