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# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th March 2021

## Dear Parents and carers,

On Tuesday, the whole school participated in the 'National Day of Reflection' to mark the first anniversary of the first 'lock down' in the UK. Cardinal Vincent Nichols asked us not only to make Tuesday a 'Day of Reflection', but also a 'Day of Prayer'. At 12.00, the children paused and prayed for all those who have experienced and had their lives affected by Coronavirus. St Joseph's staff are very appreciative of all your support during this time and are very proud of the resilience our children have shown.

**With best wishes Mrs. O'Reilly and Mrs. Jackson**



## Zoom sessions with author Tee Dobinson Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a virtual visit from children's author Tee Dobinson.

During the virtual visit, Tee discussed the origins of the story of 'The Tower Bridge Cat' and how the main character, Bella changed throughout the writing process.

The children looked at the setting of the story and then discussed the differences between the first and final drafts of the illustrations for the book. They were surprised how long a book takes to write, illustrate, edit, publish and be on the shelf ready to be enjoyed by millions.

Tee read the children Bella's next adventure in 'The Tower Bridge Cat and The Baby Whale'. They all thoroughly enjoyed the next instalment and learned that a new adventure is on its way.

The children finished the session by asking Tee some fantastic questions about her novels and the writing process.



## VIRTUAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust have joined together to create a Virtual School Library.

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide access to free e-books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

You can access the virtual school library at <https://www.thenational.academy/>



## Goodbye and Thank You to Miss Cotter

Miss Cotter started at St Joseph's in April 1991 as a visiting recorder teacher and taught at St Joseph's for almost 30 years! She went on to teach Reception class part-time and music for the rest of the week, including individual piano lessons.

During Miss Cotter's time as music teacher, she also taught choir, handbells and drumming before school and was an inspiration to the children who have passed through our doors during the last 30 years.

Miss Cotter would like to say thank you to all the children, for the fond memories she will cherish, and especially thank you to the parents for their continuous support over the years.

If you, or anyone at home, get a positive COVID-19 test, please let us know by emailing the school at: [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

Our school website address is [www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

I have received and read the St Joseph's Primary School newsletter of 26.03.2021

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

## Important dates for your diary...

**Wednesday 31st March at 3.30pm** - Last day of term

**Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April** - Easter Holidays

**Monday 19th April** - Pupils return to school

**Monday 3rd May** - Bank Holiday - school closed

**Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June** - half term

**Monday 7th June - Inset day** - School closed **NEW!**

**Friday 9th July - Academic Review Day** - Reports are given to parents on this day at a teacher parent meeting

**Friday 23rd July at 3.30pm** - Last day of term

**Thursday 2nd September** - Children return to school



**Inset Day... Monday 7th June is now an inset day. This means school is closed for pupils. Staff take part in training on that day.**

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus...

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home, or is sent home by the Head of School with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result. Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

1. To arrange a test you should visit [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
2. **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
3. Please let the Head of School (Mrs O'Reilly) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **020 7242 7712**
4. If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
5. If your child test negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

## Our Prayer...

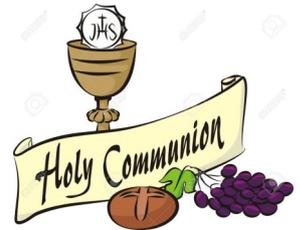
Father of love,  
as we walk up our  
mountain this Lent,  
help us in our prayers,  
in the silence of our hearts,  
to know we are loved.  
Help us to see with the eyes of compassion,  
so that we become aware of the needs of others.  
**Amen**



## First Holy Communion Classes at St Anselm's and St Cecilia's Parish

Father David will be commencing classes for **children in Year 3** on **Wednesday 21st April** (Feast of St Anselm).

If you would like more information please contact the parish office on **020 7405 0376** or email [lincolnsinnfields@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lincolnsinnfields@rcdow.org.uk)



## Wellbeing Tip of the Week - Helping others

Find ways, big or small, to give back to others. Research shows that people who volunteer experience a boost in their mental health. Helping others can help to build self-confidence, a sense of purpose and helps us to stay connected with others. Some examples of how to do this include; supporting local businesses, offering to food shop for those who are vulnerable, or messaging friends, family or neighbours to check-in. The more we give, the happier we feel.

## Work of the week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

This week, **Elsna** from **Year 4** has been chosen for her fantastic piece of maths work demonstrating her excellent understanding of multiplication.

Firstly, Elsna did some accurate and beautifully presented calculations, using the grid method. She then applied her knowledge to a reasoning question. Elsna used examples to test whether a statement was true or not, and then explained her thinking, using mathematical vocabulary. **Well done, Elsna!**

