

18th March 2022



HELP AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

This week we continue to offer our prayers and support for all of those affected by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Our school community have once again contributed amazingly to the Shoebox Appeal, with around 100 boxes being donated and still more being received. We will be taking another delivery of boxes to Spray-Tech Refinishing next week, so if you have not yet had the chance to produce a box and would like to, please drop this off at the school office no later than Thursday 24th March 2022.

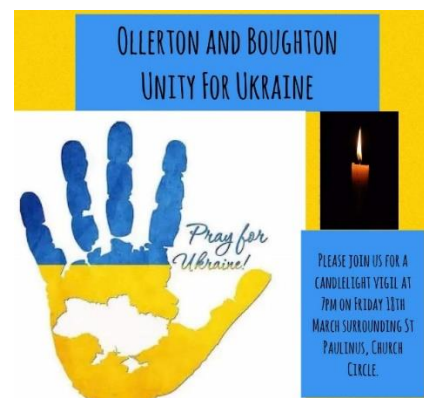
We would like to continue to ask for your support, with joining in with the following activities and initiatives that we are currently taking part in to show our support and solidarity to those in need.



Candlelight Vigil – Friday 18th March 2022

TONIGHT at 7pm, on Friday 18th March a candlelight vigil, will be held in the church circle, surrounding St Paulinus Church and we would like to encourage as many of the St Joseph's Community to attend and unite with the whole of the Ollerton and Boughton Community to show support for Ukraine.

All children attending will receive a flag honouring the Ukraine. All people attending are encouraged to bring along torches, mobile phones or anything that can be used to shine a light.



Assembly

Children this week attended a special liturgy in school around praying for Ukraine and Russia and PEACE! If any parent has any questions about what was shared with the children, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Prayer for Ukraine

This week we would like share a different prayer, which we have been sharing with children in school. Please keep all those affected in your own thoughts and prayers, whilst we hope for a swift resolution;

"For the People of Ukraine"

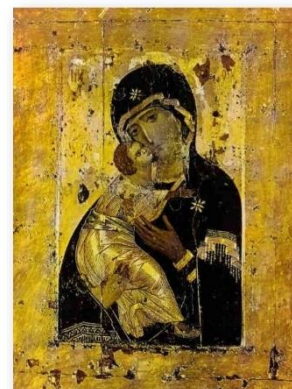
God of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares, and your Son's mother Mary proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine; deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction, death; and give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

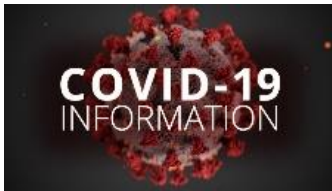
Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion. Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred, and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love. Amen."



Our Lady of Kyiv



Covid Updates

From February 24th the Government have asked that we now treat Covid like other infectious diseases and new guidance on this can be found at;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

Until 1 April 2022, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home, symptomatic testing remains free through PCR testing. Adults and children who test positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Thereafter they can return to work and normal everyday life.

Positive Cases in School:

Unfortunately, cases have increased slightly in school over the last two weeks, where we have seen 20 cases of covid across the school including both pupils and staff.

However, we are monitoring for signs of symptoms and ask that you also do this yourselves, along with following the guidance below. If you have any questions or concerns about Covid in school, please contact the school office and we will be happy to support you.

Thank you from our Governors

This week we held our Local Governors Board meeting. The Governors would like to pass on their thanks to the St Joseph's Community for supporting the school in making sure that the children have a readiness to learn, including wearing the correct uniform.

Thank you!

Ties

A school ties is part of the school uniform policy and all children are to wear their tie on a daily basis. Please can you ensure your child has a school tie. Ties are available to purchase through ParentMail. Any child who arrives at school will be required to borrow a school tie from the school office.



Uniform Changes and Prices

From 1st April there will be a change to the prices for the uniform purchased through school. We are currently speaking to the suppliers regarding this and as soon as prices are confirmed we will let you know what these will be.

We will also be changing the ties we will be selling. The clip on ties will no longer be available. What stock we have in school will be all that is left available. From September 2022 children in Foundation 1, Year 1 or Year 2 will have the option to wear an elasticated tie or a formal tie with Year 3 – 6 needing to wear a formal tie (different lengths will be available.)

Safety and Wellbeing in the Playground before and after school – Play Equipment

Following on from last weeks requests for parents to remain with their children in the school playground until all children have been directed to their classrooms, can we please now remind parents and children about the use of play equipment before and after school. We have unfortunately had a couple of incidents recently where balls have unfortunately hit adults and pushchairs at the end of the school day. Please can you ask your children not to use any of the school equipment, including the trim trail and footballs. All school equipment must be used under the supervision of staff members, for health and safety purposes.



British Science Week

KS2 Science Week Photography Competition

As part of our Science Week, we are encouraging you to observe what is growing near you and to capture a digital photograph of this linked to the theme of growth.

This competition is sponsored by the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust.

Get snappy the deadline for your entry is 22nd April 2022.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry!

This week our children have had fun taking part in Science themed activities.

REMINDER: Our Lady of Lourdes are running a competition for our Key Stage 2 children (years 3 – 6).

They are encouraging children to observe what is growing near you and to capture a digital photograph of this linked to the theme of Growth. Entries need to be emailed to office2@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk no later than the 22nd April 2022.



St Mary's C of E Edwinstowe v St Joseph's Football Team

On Wednesday 23rd March 2022- St Joseph's Football Team will take on St Mary's C of E, Edwinstowe in their first league match. Kick off is at 4pm – Spectators are welcome-please come along and cheer on our team in their first league match.

M and M Productions present Oliver Twist

Today our children have been able to experience the theatre in our own school. What a wonderful show Oliver Twist was, with everyone seeming to have a fantastic time.



Easter Disco's – Tuesday 29th March

DJ Gaz will be in school on the evening of the 29th March to deliver a fantastic, fun filled Easter Disco for all of our children. This is a fundraising activity for the school. There is a charge of £2 per child which is to be paid by cash. Please ensure that the correct amount is placed in a sealed envelope stating Easter Disco and your child's name on the front. This needs to be handed in to the school office, no later than Friday 25th March. Drop off and collection for both discos will be in the KS2 playground.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO TIMINGS OF THE DISCO

F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their disco at 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Years 3 – 6 will have their disco at 7.00pm – 8.00pm

(any children in wrap around care, can bring a change of clothes and go straight to their party)

HELP

School Petition for a School Zebra Crossing

After many unsuccessful recruitment drives for a new crossing patrol officer outside of school, we are now petitioning the local council and highways team for the installation of a Zebra crossing. Thank you to those who have already signed the petition. We currently have over 200 signatures. However, can we please ask that you continue to share this with your friends and family so that we can gain as many signatures as possible

<https://chnng.it/zX2XJp4m9d>



Junior Town Council Meeting

On Tuesday 22nd March 2022, our Head Boy, Head Girl and the Year 5 School Council Members will be attending their first Junior Town Council – Good Luck Romie, Mia, Ethan and Brooke.



ParentMail Changes!

Following a review process we will be making a change to a new communication and payment system. We are certain that this change will make it an easier process for parents to communicate with school and make payment for events. Further details will follow with regards to the new system, which will be through an Arbor platform. We will continue to use MarvellousMe for Rewards and Reading.



Key Dates

Below are reminders of those key dates for the next few weeks with any new dates or any amended dates reflected.

23rd March – St Mary's CofE v St Joseph's Football Match

28th March – Stations of the Cross – Whole School Church Visit

29th March – Easter Disco – More information to follow

1st April – Whole school mass in School

1st April – School Breaks up for the Easter Holiday

1st April – 18th April – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

19th April – School Returns





Congratulations to all of our pupils who have made our celebration page this week. If there is anything you think your child deserves a special mention for, for the things they do outside of school please email office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk as we would love to include them on this page.

Mrs Wilkins-Campbell's Forest School Friends

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| (F2) Lola-Mae W | (C4) Oliver H |
| (F2) Jaiden D | (C4) Riley D |
| (C1) Finley L | (C4) Ava W |
| (C1) Dakota G | (C5) Macorleigh P |
| (C2) James C | (C5) Jakub O |
| (C2) Robyn C | (C6) Gilbert N-B |
| (C3) Dominic F | (C6) Maisie B |

Mrs Bracegirdle's Star
William-Jaymes B (C6) for always being kind and helpful

Mrs Broad's Special Mention
Ashleigh W (C3) for noticing when help is needed and helping without being asked.

Midday Supervisor Stars
Hannah P (C2), Lily S (C2), Elee M (C2), Iyla W (C1), Ashleigh W (C3), Blake P (C3) for helping in the hall.

Outside Achievements

Ellie B (C6) has this week been awarded her level 4 in Trampolining. Congratulations Ellie!!

Wrap Around Care Announcements



Sunday 27th March – Mothers Day

In the run up to Mothers Day we will have craft activities to create something for the special ladies in our lives.

April – Easter

We will be undertaking early Easter Celebrations in the run up to the Easter Break



Special Achievement

Mia W (C6) has been saving up all of her house points this year and has so far received a whopping 480 House Points!!

WELL DONE MIA!!!



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 4 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance last week. Well Done!!!



Class 4

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| F1 | 87.1% |
| F2 | 84.8% |
| C1 | 88.7% |
| C2 | 88.7% |
| C3 | 87.9% |
| C4 | 96.8% |
| C5 | 86.5% |
| C6 | 95.0% |
| Overall | 89.4% |

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

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| F1 | Lily S and Norah D |
| F2 | Jaiden D |
| C1 | Harriet H |
| C2 | Lola P-M |
| C3 | Lyra O |
| C4 | Harry K |
| C5 | Harvey S |
| C6 | Mia W |

