

## Word of the Week – ALMS-GIVING

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

“Giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. “It is also a work of justice pleasing to God” (No. 2447).



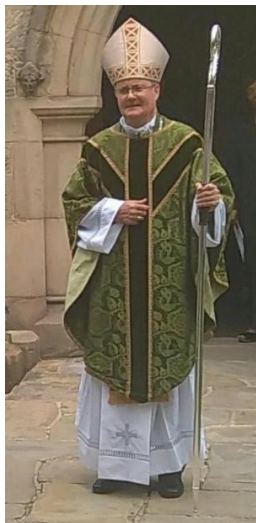
## HELP AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

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 an additional 20+ boxes being delivered to Spray-Tech Refinishing shortly. 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Thank you to all the families who joined us at the vigil last Friday. It was very moving, but wonderful to see the local community all joining together to show their solidarity for Ukraine.



### Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine, Message from Bishop Patrick:

In light of the current crisis in unfolding in Ukraine, Pope Francis will lead an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the solemnity of the Annunciation, at 5.00pm Rome time (4.00pm UK time).

The Bishops of England and Wales, in prayerful solidarity, will make the Act of Consecration in their Cathedrals at some suitable point that day.

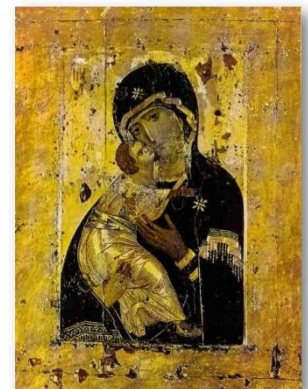
Our children have this morning held an assembly to say a decade of the Rosary as requested by Bishop Patrick for the people of Ukraine.



### Prayer for Ukraine

We continue to hold in prayer our brothers and sisters in Ukraine;

*“We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals;  
may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies,  
so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth.  
Lord hear us and have mercy  
Amen”*



Our Lady of Kyiv



## Covid Updates

From February 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

Cases unfortunately, remain in school, however are slowly decreasing again. We currently have 7 pupils and staff absent with Covid.

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.

## Parent Governor Applications

Last week letters asking for applications for a parent governor were sent home to all of our families. We are very much looking forward to welcoming a parent to join our Governing body. If you are interested in applying, applications must be received by school no later than Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs. Wilkins-Campbell.



## Poppy Playtime / Huggy Wuggy

We have been made aware of Poppy Playtime which is a horror/puzzle game which involves the player investigating an abandoned toy factory to solve the mystery of what happened. The game involves a villainous teddy called Huggy Wuggy which may be frightening to some children and cause an increase in feelings of stress and anxiety.

Whilst the game does not appear to have any age restrictions, the developers have stated that this is unsuitable for young children. Videos of the game and of the characters are also easily available on YouTube.

We wanted to highlight this new craze to you and remind all parents to be vigilant about what our children are able to view online.

If you have any concerns about online safety, please speak to your child's class teacher, alternatively we have listed below a few useful links:

### Parent Info – Article on Harmful Online Content

<https://parentinfo.org/article/what-your-child-needs-to-know-about-harmful-content-online>

Internet Matters – Dealing with inappropriate content <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>

### NSPCC – Help with distressing online content

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/distressing-content/>

**This video on YouTube gives more information on Poppy Playtime.**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1-RqyuX\\_18&t=38s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1-RqyuX_18&t=38s)

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

Reminder, since last week we have had a further incident where a ball has hit another person. 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.



**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.

Get snappy the deadline for your entry is 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry!

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

## Photograph Competition

It has come to our attention that the competition which our Trust the Our Lady of Lourdes is running is open to all pupils, not just KS2 has previously advised. 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](mailto:office2@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk) no later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.



## St Mary's C of E Edwinstowe v St Joseph's

On Wednesday night under the warm March sun St Joseph's played St Mary's C of E in the Dukeries league D. After the frustrating 0-0 first half, where the ball seemed to refuse to hit the back of the net, St Joseph's made a fast start to the second half, just minutes in, Antoni P (C5) scored. This started their fight to get another and only 5 minutes later Riley W (C5) scored a screamer from the edge of the box into the top left corner.

When the final whistle blew it resulted in a 2-0 win for St Joseph's, a brilliant start to the 2022 season, with a well-deserved man of the match award to Alfie-Junior H (C-5).



## Easter Disco's – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Final date for payment for the Disco is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, £2 to be paid to the school office.

Reminders:

**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 disco)

Water Bottles are a must for all children along with clothing that isn't too thick or heavy as it can get very warm in the hall, especially with all the dancing. Drop off and Collection is from the KS2 Yard.



## Junior Town Council Meeting

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, our Head Boy, Head Girl and the Year 5 School Council Members attended their first Junior Town Council. Well Done! Romie, Mia, Ethan and Brooke.

## Stations of the Cross – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at Church

On Tuesday our pupils will be reenacting the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's Church. The service will start at 2pm with parents and parishioners all welcome to attend.



## School Kitchen Update

This week we had a visit from Newark and Sherwood District Councils, Environmental Health Team who carried out an inspection of the school kitchen.

We are pleased to announce that we have maintained the 5 star rating.

Thank you to the Aspens kitchen staff as well as the school staff who share the space, for working together to ensure that the facilities used are maintained and cleaned to the highest standards

## Forest School Activities

Our children this week have enjoyed making Spring time potions in the Sunshine. For Forest School activities we need lots of sticks, whilst you are out and about over the Easter Break, please ask your children to look out for some really nice sticks that we can use, they need to be as long as their arm and no thicker than their thumb. It would be really appreciated.



## Key Dates

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

**CHANGE OF DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Stations of the Cross – Whole School Church Visit

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Disco – More information to follow

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – Whole school mass in School

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – School Breaks up for the Easter Holiday

**1<sup>st</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April** – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk) as we would love to include them on this page.

**Midday Supervisor Stars**  
To all of **F2** for being kind helpful to Vienna at lunchtime.  
**James C (C2)** for being amazing and making Mrs. Parkin proud.

**Mrs. Wilkins-Campbell's Forest School Friends**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| (F2) Joey D-H   | (C3) Luna F   |
| (F2) Anthony G  | (C4) Oscar H  |
| (C1) Chase M    | (C4) Ranae C  |
| (C1) Harriet H  | (C5) Tyler J  |
| (C2) Primrose C | (C5) Alanya W |
| (C2) Llew H     | (C6) Romie C  |
| (C3) Bryan A    | (C6) Alfie B  |



**Mrs. Broad's Special Mention**  
**Hayden H (C2)** for being such a good helper around school.

**Mrs. Bracegirdle's Star**  
**Freddy B (C1)** for his wonderful behavior and effort with his work this week.

**Outside Achievements**

Congratulations to Tyler B, Evan, B, William M and Xander R, who play for Walesby Juniors Under 6's. They played against Meden Vale last weekend, winning 5-4. Xander contributed 3 goals towards to final score! Well done Boys!

**Basketball Success**

A massive shout out to both of our basketball teams this week who have great success in their tournaments. Years 3 and 4 took part in a local tournament at the Dukeries were the overall winners.



Our Year 5 and 6 team after qualifying a few weeks ago, travelled to Joseph Whittaker this week to continue their winning journey. The team did

fabulously, coming third overall in the Regional Finals. A big WELL DONE! to all who took part.



**Commendations**

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

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| <b>F1</b> | Rosie H   |
| <b>F2</b> | Vienna O  |
| <b>C1</b> | Paddy B   |
| <b>C2</b> | Lydia P   |
| <b>C3</b> | Sam R     |
| <b>C4</b> | Ava-Mae K |
| <b>C5</b> | Tyler J   |
| <b>C6</b> | Jakub G   |



**Wrap Around Care Announcements**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers Day**

In the run up to Mothers Day we have completed 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

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 3 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance last week. Well Done!!!



**Year 3**

<b>F1</b>	86.9%
<b>F2</b>	65.7%
<b>C1</b>	91.3%
<b>C2</b>	85.0%
<b>C3</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>C4</b>	95.1%
<b>C5</b>	93.1%
<b>C6</b>	94.8%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>88.5%</b>