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Dear Parent



### *March is dedicated to St Joseph*

In this year of St Joseph, as instituted by Pope Francis, it is a good time to get to 'know' him better and his role in the life of Jesus. St Joseph was an extraordinary family man – a model for us all. We ask his prayers for all of our families at this unique time in world history.

#### **Returning to School**

As we prepare to return to school next week, we have reviewed our practices and timings to provide as safe a return as we can for all children and staff. A letter will be sent out, via email contact, with a reminder of our strategies. We very much look forward to seeing the children back and having our school buzzing with life once again.

#### **Inhalers and Epipens**

As all medication was sent home with children before Christmas, please can the children return to school with any medication needed.

**Mme Baille** has asked that all children bring into school any art work and French tasks that they have completed during the period of home based learning. Mme Baille is very keen to see what the children have been doing. Thank you.

Our **prayer garden** renovation is well under way and the children will be overwhelmed when they see what is being constructed. We are very hopeful that we can return to class masses (and even assemblies) outside as a result of the new covered area.

We will be renewing the **playground markings** – this is being done on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March (only available date and arranged prior to PM's speech last week). We hope that the new markings will help children to be more creative in their play outdoors as well as try out new games.

#### **A Lenten Reflection for Action...**

Pope Francis

**Fast from pessimism ... and be filled with hope.**

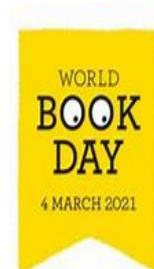
#### **St Mary's Church – Lenten/Easter displays**

We have been asked to support the church displays for Lent / Easter. This is after the wonderful work provided by our children for the Christmas display. Fr John loved the angels! 😊

Thank you to all the children who have already provided leaves for the Lenten tree display.

Now we are asked to complete some **butterflies and petals** – the keyworker children will complete these in school and we hoped that some children could complete some lovely creations on Wireless Wednesday afternoon. A template will be sent to you all by your class teacher. Thank you all!

## **World Book Day 2021**



Thursday, 4th March, is World Book Day, and this year it will look a little bit different (just like everything else!) As the majority of children will still be learning at home, we have planned a few activities to help us celebrate this important day.

On World Book Day, we are asking the children to **dress up** as their favourite book character and send in photos/upload photos to the school twitter page. You can attend your live lessons dressed up ready for the day!

Keyworker children should come into school as their favourite character too.

### **Live Lessons**

On the day, we will dedicate both live lessons to World Book Day. You child's class teacher will give more details about the lessons nearer to the time.

### **The Masked Reader Quiz**



Staff from St Mary's will be disguising themselves and reading extracts from a shared text. Your challenge is to correctly identify who each reader is. The video will be sent out on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> March. When you think you have worked out who everyone is, message your answers to Mrs Davis using eSchools. Answers will be uploaded that afternoon! Good luck!

Have a great week and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely,

*HMCusack*

Headteacher