

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

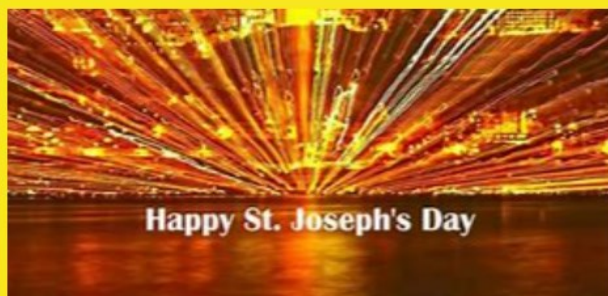
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Dear Family,

We've had a fantastic last week of term, full of excitement and lots of new learning! On Tuesday 19th March we celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day. This was a wonderful occasion, where we came together as a school and parish community to celebrate Mass with Father Nick, governors and fellow parishioners. We ended the day with a special treat which was enjoyed by all!

You may have seen the transformation taking place around our school grounds in recent months and this is all down to our fabulous school gardener— Roy!

Roy dedicates his own time to come in and work hard to ensure our gardens are looking pristine! He also donates lots of resources and materials, which we are extremely grateful for! Please can we ask that children do not run over the flower beds and pull up any of the lovely plants. We will remind the children of our school promises— Care for our environment and be grateful for our school community.



'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'

OUR BIG LENT WALK!

On Monday, we had the most amazing day at the Malvern Hills! We walked over 3 miles during the day, in support of CAFOD. Well done to everyone that took part—it really was a fantastic experience for wellbeing and physical development! Our Year 1 children just wanted to keep walking all day!



It was brilliant! It's the first time I've been on the Malvern Hills and I lost my front tooth and everyone was searching for it!

Harrison

Year 3





I had a really fun time on the Big Lenten Walk. It was good to be outside and enjoying the views!

Amelia. E

Year 5



I loved walking with my friends, the views were stunning and we were lucky with the weather too!

Amelie. K

Year 6

EVEREST CLASS VISIT COMMUNITY GARDENS!

A message from Mrs Murray...

Everest class had a super afternoon at Ross-on-Wye Community Gardens on Tuesday afternoon. We followed clues on the Stick Man trail and made our own Stick Men. We loved looking at all the signs of Spring around us. A big thank you to Tim and Jan for looking after us so well.





We are so excited to will be taking all of our Key Stage 2 children to the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham to watch the matinee performance of **'Shrek the Musical'** on **Wednesday 10th April**.

We are absolutely certain that the children will LOVE the show and will come home singing, having laughed a lot and having had a fantastic time with their friends! It also gives us something to look forward to when we return after the Easter holidays.

The letter was sent home to parents on Monday this week and can also be downloaded from the Letters section of the school website.

NEXT WEEK

A poster for 'Easter Holiday Club' at St Joseph's Primary School. It features three smiling children (two girls and one boy) in the center. The text 'ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL' is at the top, and the school crest is in the top right. The main text 'EASTER HOLIDAY Club' is in large, bold, yellow and orange letters. Below it, the dates '25TH - 27TH MARCH' and '3RD - 5TH APRIL' are listed. At the bottom, there is an email address 'holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk' and a phone number '01989 564655'.

Easter Egg Hunt

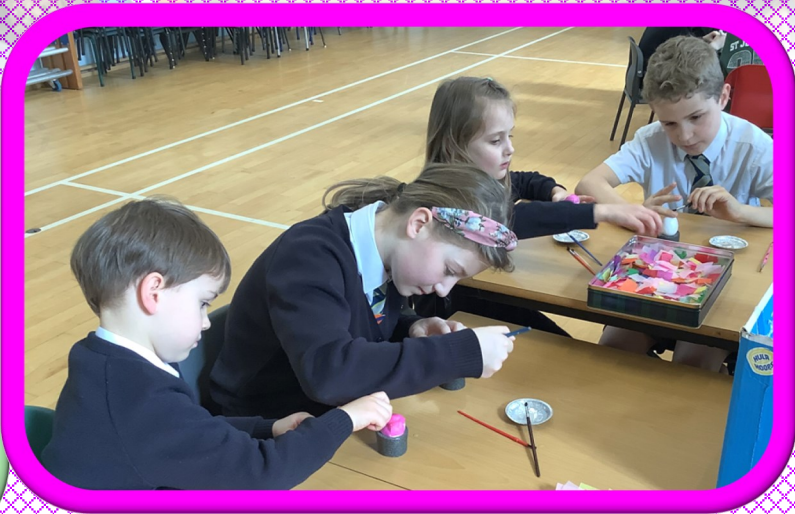


Everyone had a fabulous time on Thursday afternoon, taking part in the Easter Egg hunt on the field and completing different art and craft activities, organised by our fabulous FSJ members!

It was so lovely to see the older children team up with the younger children searching for clues on their hunt.

After school we held a cake sale on the playground, as well as selling raffle tickets for our Easter hampers. We managed to raise £97.21 from this event, which will go towards funds for our enrichment activities and trips planned for the year. A big thank you to the FSJ for another successful event!





ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS!

On Wednesday we had a fabulous day, coming to school dressed in the colours of the Irish flag and taking part in lots of exciting activities. A big thank you to Mrs Wilkes for coming in for the day and leading class workshops. The children really enjoyed learning about St Patrick, making shamrocks, learning to play the spoons and listening to the tin whistle.

A great day was had by all!

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day







Garden Club



A message from Mrs Hodges...

In gardening club this week we have been really excited by so many things we've planted starting to pop up and thrive in the milder weather. We topped up our potatoes with another layer of compost now that green leaves are poking through. We sowed our first lot of sunflowers and discussed our plan of where they will go once they have grown a bit. We sowed cucumber seeds that will stay in the greenhouse and some mimosa seeds which was one of the seed packets given to us from the RHS, a very interesting plant and a good challenge for us. We also sowed some seeds that are passed their best before date in an experiment to see if they will still germinate. We also built our new tomato greenhouse structure today and look forward to filling it with our tomato plants next term, a huge thank you to Roy as always and a great big thank you to Leo E's mum and Alfie's mum for donating seeds for us to use in gardening club, very much appreciated!



Cooking Club



A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake some hot cross bun muffins, in preparation for Easter. We first creamed the butter and sugar, before adding the egg, flour, fruit and spices. After baking our muffins, we then added some royal icing to the top.



A message from Miss Steiner...

Year 5 had a really lovely time 'experiencing Easter' at St. Mary's Church yesterday. This was a beautiful and engaging way for the children to consolidate their learning from recent R.E. lessons - a huge thank you to all the people who had put so much time and care into preparing and delivering the session.





Our Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed their 'FUN SWIM' this week as it was their last lesson. They have made fantastic progress this half term and it's been great to hear them speaking so positively about their growing confidence in the water! Swimming is a life skill and it is so important that we are able to provide them with the opportunity to develop this skill at key Stage 1 and It's also great for their physical development!

Year 4 will start their weekly swimming lessons on Wednesday 17th April.

Monmouth Schools Sports Club

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

THURSDAYS 5.30PM-7PM
SUNDAYS 1PM-2.30PM
TERM TIME ONLY
STARTS 11TH JANUARY
AGES 5+
ALL ABILITIES

To book your free swim assessment
Please contact us at
sportsclub@habsmonmouth.org
or
01600 714381

Monmouth Schools Sports Club

SWIMMING CRASH COURSE

2ND-5TH OF APRIL
9.45-10.15AM
OR
10.15-10.45AM
£48 PER CHILD
AGES 5-12

Please contact us at
sportsclub@habsmonmouth.org
or
01600 714381



A message from Mrs Gurney...

As the wellbeing of our children in school is at the heart of what we do, we will be appointing new 'Wellbeing Warriors' and continuing to follow 'The 5 steps to wellbeing' as advocated by the NHS over the Summer term. Equipping all of us with the mental health skills we need to cope with the different challenges in life today.

If children are interested in applying to be a Wellbeing Warrior, please collect an application form from your class teacher. Our new wellbeing warriors will be elected at the start of the summer term. If you have any questions, please come and ask me.



Dates to Remember

Monday 8 th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 10 th April	Key Stage 2 Shrek the Musical – Alexandra Theatre Birmingham
Tuesday 16 th April	Herefordshire School Games
Tuesday 16 th April	Year 2 Community Gardens
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th April	Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 18 th April	Parent Voice
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 2 Eastnor Pottery Barn
Tuesday 23 rd April	Nursery and Year 3 Community Gardens
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 5 Pizza Express Monmouth
Thursday 25 th April	School Photographer – Class photos
Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 29 th April	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1, 3 and 6
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 4 Community Gardens
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 14 th May	Year 5 Community Gardens
Monday 20 th May	FSJ Crazy Hair Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Tuesday 21 st May	Noah's Ark Farm visit
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term

Dates to Remember

Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 th June	Cheltenham Science Festival KS2
Friday 7 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Ross Community Gardens Year 6
Thursday 13 th June	Parent Voice
Wednesday 19 th June	New Reception Class Picnic afternoon
Thursday 20 th June	Summer Music Concert @ 2:15pm
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	Year 5 and 6 Isle of Wight residential
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Fayre @ 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 4 London Residential
Tuesday 2 nd July	Ross Community Gardens – Nursery
Thursday 4 th July	Move up Day
Friday 5 th July	FSJ Bingo after school @ 5:00pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Shrek the Musical Junior @ Monmouth Savoy Theatre
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 12 th July	Nursery Graduation @ 10:30am
Friday 12 th July	FSJ – Whole School Colour Run!
Friday 12 th July	End of summer term

**NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO**

The children have made some EGGcelent Easter crafts this week! We have made Easter cards, decorated eggs and the children loved their treasure hunt around the field yesterday - Thank you FSJ!



Star of the week:

Danielle for being confident to join in with a range of activities

THANK YOU

A big thank to Mrs Preece (Bradley and Riley's mum) , Mrs Watts (Isla and Sophia's mum) and Mrs Weale (Rhys and Tilly– Rose's mum) for their generous Easter donations from the Co-op, Morrisons and Sainsburys. These Easter goodies went towards our Egg Hunt and fabulous hampers! THANK YOU AGAIN!!!



On Wednesday after school Mr Gunter led an information session for our year 5 and 6 families, regarding the Isle of Wight residential in June. It will be an amazing experience for the children and the itinerary for each day looks incredible! If you were unable to attend this meeting, please follow the link below to access the presentation.

[PowerPoint Presentation \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Following that presentation Mr Gunter also led a SATS information session for our year 6 families. You can access this information by following the link below:

[Monday 5th March 2018 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Y6 SATS

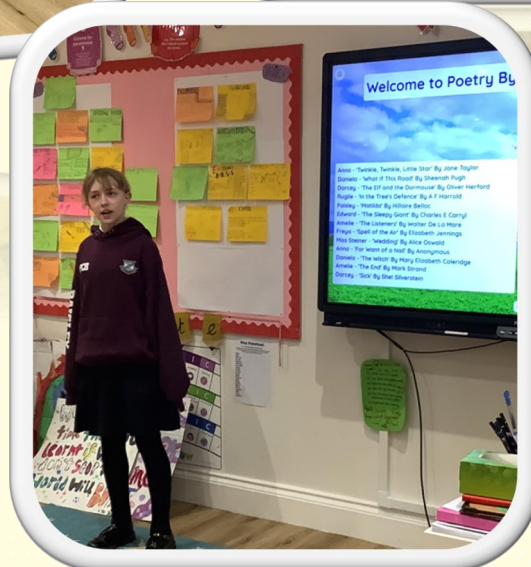
POETRY BY HEART.....

A message from Miss Steiner...

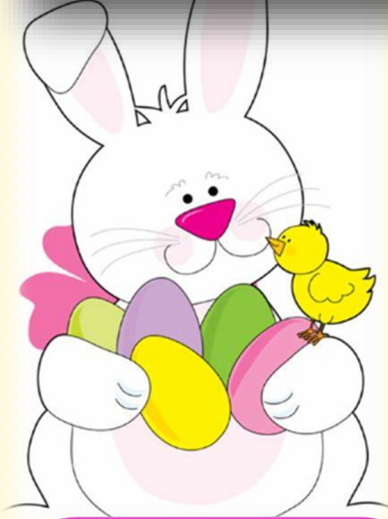
I am so proud of the nine children (Daniela, Amelie, Paisley, Gabriella, Edward, Darcey, Freya HD, Rugile and Anna) who took part in Poetry By Heart this year! They learnt either one or two poems by heart and performed them in school yesterday. We have recorded all of our poems and submitted them as entries to the national competition so we will now need to wait to hear whether we will have a finalist...

Anybody who gets through to the final has the opportunity to perform their poem on the stage at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, so it's VERY exciting.

It was lovely to see the children deliver their poems with confidence and real understanding yesterday and I enjoyed performing my own poem too! I'm looking forward to making 'Poetry By Heart' an annual feature at St. Joseph's!



Take a **closer** look!



We've had a visitor...



Happy Birthdays!



Happy Birthday to Jason in Year 1 and Cece in year 3, who both celebrated their birthdays on Monday 18th March.

Happy Birthday to Daniela in Year 6, who will be celebrating her 11th birthday on Sunday 24th March.

Happy Birthday to Daisy- Mai, Rugile, Aryah, Edith, Archie and Ruby, who will be celebrating their birthdays during the Easter holidays!



IMPORTANT REMINDER



After the Easter holidays, when we return on 8th April, children will be wearing their summer uniforms.

Girls wear light blue gingham dresses and St Joseph's light blue cardigans. Boys wear grey shorts and short sleeved white collar shirts with the school tie. If you have any questions, please ask at the office. Light blue cardigans can be ordered via the office.

LIBERTY	Nora A
BIG BEN	Aryah W
EVEREST	Theo B
BLUE LAGOON	Joey P
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Matthew W
MOSI OA TUNYA	Darcey G
ANGEL FALLS	Ella Louise C



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	90.4%
BIG BEN	90%
EVEREST	80.83%
BLUE LAGOON	96.3%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	98.7%
MOSI OA TUNYA	97.73%
ANGEL FALLS	98.75%

LIBERTY	Halle S
BIG BEN	Aurora M
EVEREST	Fifoluwa A
BLUE LAGOON	Henry B
ARC DE TRIOMPH	OskarasJ
MOSI OA TUNYA	Rugile J
ANGEL FALLS	Daisy Mai N



LIBERTY	Kevin A Oscar H
BIG BEN	Poppy W Ben H
EVEREST	Leo E Defne D
BLUE LAGOON	Arabella B Harrison F
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Ruby W Jessie W
MOSI OA TUNYA	Ellie R Dandrei M
ANGEL FALLS	Phoebe P Silvija A

LIBERTY	Maks S
BIG BEN	David P
EVEREST	Finley R
BLUE LAGOON	Archie Pl
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Logan H
MOSI OA TUNYA	Evana S
ANGEL FALLS	Rhys W

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

