



CHINESE NEW YEAR

The children in Year R had great fun this week learning about Chinese New Year. Many thanks to Mr An for coming in to help enrich the children's learning this week. Year R have had a great range of experiences including sampling Chinese food, learning how to use chop sticks, making paper lanterns and making their own dragon.

So, as we prepare to welcome the Year of the Dog next week, Happy New Year!



THE SEASON OF LENT



Ash Wednesday next week marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

During Lent, we are called to prepare for Easter through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As in previous years, we will also be holding our fundraising Fridays during Lent. Each House group chooses a charity that they would like to support and organises a fundraising activity for the rest of the school. Our Fundraising Fridays will take place on the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Our House Captains will be in touch after half term with more information about their events.

LENT SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday :
Mass at 9.30am and 8.00pm

Weekly during Lent:

Fridays at 7.00am, Mass (early morning start)

Sundays at 3.00pm Stations of the Cross

There will also be a special Stations of the Cross for families/children on Friday 23rd March at 4pm (at the church).

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



Tuesday this week marked National Safer Internet Day. This annual event promotes safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones. This year's theme was "Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you".

At St. Joseph's we teach online safety to all children, at an age appropriate level, as part of our curriculum.

The children have been re-visiting the rules around safe use of the internet and mobile technologies this week. We expect the same high standards of behaviour, respect, tolerance and empathy regardless of whether the means of communication is face-to-face or on-line.

It is important that parents keep themselves well-informed too and regularly check their privacy and security settings.



PARISH NEWS

At 6pm on Saturday 10th February, there will be a Mass and celebration of marriage and family life. Contact the parish office/Fr Tony (01306 882433) if you would like your wedding anniversary mentioned at this Mass



"MATHLETICS"

Congratulations to our Mathletes of the Week.

Isabella Rome and Cass Butterworth

REMINDER

We break up for half term today at 3.15pm.

HALF TERM
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Please remember that **Monday 19th February 2018** is an Inset day, so the children return to school on **Tuesday 20th February**.



CALLING ALL SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS!

We are planning a special set of events to celebrate British Science Week (12th to 16th March). If you have some time and work in a science related job, we would very much like to offer the children the opportunity to speak with you. It could take place as an informal Q&A session or as leading a class workshop or activity. So, if you are a dentist, doctor, nurse, nutritionist, researcher, botanist, pharmacist, engineer or other science professional, please consider volunteering some of your time in the week of 12th to 16th March. Contact the office in person or email: office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk Thank you.



500 WORDS COMPETITION

A reminder that the deadline for submitting entries for the BBC Radio 2 "500 Words" story writing competition for children is **7pm on Thursday 22nd February**. The rules are very simple, children are asked to write an **original, fictional short story on any subject or theme in 500 words or fewer**. The competition is open to children who will be aged between **5 and 13 years** on the 8th June 2018. All entries must be approved by an adult. Full details along with the on-line entry form can be found www.bbc.co.uk/500words.

*Wishing all families a happy, restful and relaxing half term. All best wishes,
Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]*

WORLD BOOK DAY

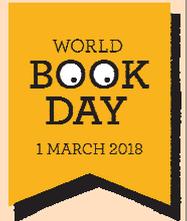
THURSDAY 1st MARCH 2018

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>

To mark World Book Day, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a children's story book. Children should be able to explain why they have chosen their character and, if possible, bring the book to school with them to share. So start planning your costume now! If you are stuck for ideas, some suggestions are available at

<http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>.

Please note that this is not a competition and, since we already have our charity Fundraising Fridays in Lent, we will not be charging the children to enter.



Compliments, Comments, Concerns, Queries, Reply Slip

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