

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 18 Friday 23rd February 2018

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*"Learning and Growing Together in the Light of God's Love"*

### SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Nyla in Year 4 who competed in the World Association of Kickboxing Organisations '(WAKO) British Championship last weekend. Nyla became British champion in the 28kg points fighting category and gained a bronze medal in the 32kg points fighting category. As a result of this success she has been invited to go to the GB team trials.



### FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS IN LENT

The season of Lent has now started and, as part of our commitment to almsgiving, our Fundraising Fridays will begin next week, the 2nd March. Arundel House will be leading the first event in aid of Momentum, a charity which supports children with cancer and life-limiting conditions, and their families in Surrey and South West London. More information about the charity can be found at <https://www.moment-um.org/home/>



Arundel House are organising a children's book Bring and Buy sale. All children are invited to bring a good quality, used children's book to donate to the sale and money to buy a book. Please see the letter sent out by the House Captains earlier in the week for more details. [A copy has also been attached to the electronic newsletter as a reminder]

### SCIENCE WEEK



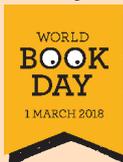
Thank you to those parents with a science background who have offered to come in and work with the children during British Science Week (12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March). It is not too late to offer your help, we are keen to hear from those of you who can offer some time and work in a science related profession - we are particularly interested in engineers of any sort. If you are able to help, please contact the office in person or email:

[office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk)

### WORLD BOOK DAY

#### THURSDAY 1st MARCH

#### WHO WILL YOU COME AS?



A reminder that to celebrate World Book Day next Thursday, 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.

### SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

A reminder to parents dropping off children at the Infant entrance that the children should go **straight into the playground** in the morning and **remain** there. Space is very limited, so we ask Infant parents to **remain in the car park** while the children go into the playground to play with their friends. **Parents who are waiting in the car park until the bell is rung are asked to ensure that their child stays in the playground and does not keep going in and out to see them in the car park.** This is an important safety measure, not all parents are able to stay after 8.45am and it is difficult for teachers to supervise which children are going in and out of the gate. Pre-school children should remain with their parents and be supervised at all times for their own safety.

### "MATHLETICS"

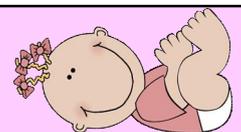
Congratulations to our Mathletes of the Week.



**Ryan Troop** and **Adam Krawczyk**

### IT'S A GIRL!

We send our warmest congratulations to the Prasca family on the birth of their daughter, Petra. We wish the family much happiness and many blessings in the years ahead.





## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER...

With the cold weather this week and temperatures expected to plummet even further next week, please could parents ensure that their children come to school appropriately dressed for the prevailing weather conditions. Children will need to be wearing a suitable coat. Also, your help in ensuring that coats, hats, gloves and scarves are all labelled with your child's name as we are accumulating a large quantity of unlabelled clothes!



You will no doubt have heard the forecasts for next week, with the "beast from the East" expected. The Met Office currently has a yellow warning in place for Surrey for next week as follows: *'Snow showers may become persistent from late Monday afternoon, continuing overnight and throughout Tuesday. There is the potential for travel delays on roads, stranding some vehicles and passengers, as well as delays or cancellations to rail and air travel. Some rural communities could become cut off.'* The chief forecaster's assessment is that late Monday afternoon, snow showers may become aligned into bands pushing into parts of South East England. Where this occurs there is the potential for accumulations of 5-10cm locally whilst nearby locations may see much less frequent showers and only small accumulations of 0-2cm in places. At this stage the development of these shower bands and the exact locations and timings of these is very uncertain.

In light of this information, please find below our procedures and communication methods should it be necessary to close the school.

### EMERGENCY SEVERE WEATHER CLOSURES

The decision to close the school is not taken lightly and is dependent on whether the school can open safely. Consideration is given to a number of factors such as the safety of the site, staffing levels and the provision of services. The availability of staff is a key consideration, ensuring that there are sufficient members of staff who can travel safely to school to ensure an appropriate pupil/staff ratio to supervise the children. Please be aware that some of our staff do travel long distances and conditions can vary even in the local area.

Should closure be necessary, we will keep you informed in the following ways:

- An e-mail and text via the normal school e-mail system (so please check regularly)
- A message on the school website at [www.stjosephsschooldorking.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsschooldorking.co.uk)
- An alert on the Surrey County Council website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

In a situation where the school is open but conditions deteriorate significantly and suddenly during the day, it may be necessary to close early in order to ensure pupils and staff get home safely. In this event, we would contact you by e-mail and text and update the website accordingly. In periods of severe weather, please do keep an eye on weather conditions during the day and check the school website and your e-mail/phone regularly for updates. If you work a distance away from the school, please consider having a back-up plan in place for collecting your children should it be necessary.

*Wrap up warm and enjoy the weekend! All best wishes, Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]*

**Compliments, Comments, Concerns, Queries, Reply Slip**

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