

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **R.E.A.C.H** through Faith, Hope, Love

Thursday 2nd July 2020

Another busy week has flown by as we come closer to the end of another academic year! I think it is certainly one that we will remember for some time! I hope that our children that are learning at home continue to enjoy the work that has been set by their teachers. Please remember to continue to email your work in, so that you can get some feedback from your teacher. I hope that you all enjoyed the letters that you received in the post from your teachers, as well as the emails! Thank you also for those of you that are 'tweeting' photographs and using the St Joseph's Facebook page—it is lovely to see the children—we miss them all dearly!

As I am sure you are aware, schools will not be providing child care during the summer holidays. The DFE have provided guidance for private companies and summer camps should you require this service. If you do need any help in finding childcare, then please contact the school so that we can sign post you. During the summer holidays, staff will not be providing home learning resources however, they will ensure that there is a list of websites that you could use, many of which are recommended by the DFE.

As we think about the final two weeks of term, I have started to reflect upon my time here as Headteacher. When I started in April, 2011, with 86 children on roll, my ambition was always to make St Joseph's a single form entry primary school and the local school of choice. I am so very proud of the school and everything it has become. But the best part about the school, are the people, the children and our families.

## From the children!

YR Olive is enjoying playing stuck in the mud with her friends.

Ellianna has enjoyed making things with the woodwork.

Y1 Bubble A Theo: As this is my first week back, I have enjoyed playing with my friends and learning new things in Maths.

Nia: I have been enjoying phonics and writing new sentences.

Olivia: I liked PE yesterday where we were dribbling a football, it was a new skill for me.

Y1 Bubble B Charlotte: We've been doing PE. We were travelling in different ways even sideways in Stuck in the Mud. I love having fun at school and playing with my friends.

Freya: I love doing some learning. I like doing Literacy because we have been doing the hungry caterpillar. I have lots of fun with my friends.

Y6 Bubble A Alfie: I have loved being back in school as we've done lots of fun lessons, such as creating a robot hand. My favourite part has been playing rounders and tennis with my friends at break time. Next year at secondary school, I am most looking forward to learning a new language.

Matilda: Since being back at school, I have enjoyed seeing my friends and PSHE lessons. This week, I've loved our First Aid lesson. We learnt what to do if someone is unresponsive, if they've been badly burnt or if they've had an allergic reaction. In September, I am really looking forward to being independent, such as moving between classrooms and remembering different books for lessons.

Y6 Bubble B Gracie: I have really enjoyed completing our first aid posters this week, learning more about what to do in a serious situation. We were able to watch an 'Operation Ouch' video, based all upon keeping safe and this helped to inspire me with my poster.

Ava: Across the week so far, my favourite task has been creating our own mechanical hands. We made these with straws, card, sticky tape and cotton. Mine was not perfect but I realised how I could improve it, ensuring that the fingers all move functionally.

Key workers— Isabelle D: I have enjoyed doing the circuits in PE and I loved making our own flip books in class.

Special Bubble Jacob: I have enjoyed doing my maths work in special class and making the letters to decorate our classroom, I made a letter E for a display!

# Mindfulness

## 7 Tips To Help Children Practice Mindfulness Successfully:



Use it for positive situations only



Practice mindfulness yourself



Create a daily routine for the children



Prepare the environment



Involve the children in the decision-making process



Share your experience of mindfulness



Encourage the children to share their experiences

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin



## Citizenship Skills Awards

This week Samuel in Y1 has earned his leaf for the Citizenship Skills Awards tree.

Congratulations Samuel, you have demonstrated kindness, curiosity, resilience and self-esteem during homeschool! Additionally, James in Y1 and Kobe in Y5 both earned their 25th Citizenship Skills certificate. When they return to school they will each receive a golden citizenship pencil. Congratulations to you both! Keep up the great work!

We pray for people who live in extreme poverty, especially those without access to clean water

and soap during the Coronavirus pandemic. May God grant us all the capacity and courage to build a better, more just and equal world where no child goes hungry, and we all have the opportunity to flourish. Amen.



## FROM TWITTER.....

