



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

Spring Term  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Weekly Vocabulary

Please check your child's book bag throughout the week for specific vocabulary for them to learn at home. You could challenge your child by encouraging them to practise writing the words, making sure that they are forming their letters correctly.



### Reading for Pleasure.

Please take time to read to your child daily. This will encourage a love of books, widen their vocabulary, develop their understanding of story structure and it is a perfect opportunity to spend quality time together.

### Mystery Reader



Please sign up to be a Mystery Reader. This can be mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grand-parents; the most important element is that it is a surprise! Some of our parents have already volunteered, the children love it when it is their mummy or daddy. We welcome all languages and we are happy for you to read in your home language if you prefer. If you would like to be a 'Mystery Reader' you can sign up at the school office with Mrs Ricketts or speak to the class teacher. We look forward to seeing you!

### Home Learning

This week the children will be drawing a story map to retell the story of the week.

Ask your child to write about pictures they draw – on paper or on the computer. Get them to tell you the story.

The children will be encouraged to use their sounds to write a simple/compound sentence.

Encourage writing – have felt pens, pencils, crayons and paper available.

The children will be estimating how many objects they think are in different sized containers and will then check by counting them.

Get together with your child and play with water using different shaped containers and measuring cups in the sink or the bath.

The children will be exploring the different sounds of instruments.

Encourage your child to sing familiar songs.



### School Uniform

A friendly reminder that the children need to wear full winter uniform. Please make sure that your child is wearing a **plain** navy blue coat **or** the school coat, a hat and a school tie. Please also make sure that your child is wearing the **school navy blue track pants** with their PE kits every Wednesday. Please check the website <http://stjps.org/school-uniform/> for a full list.

Uniform can be purchased from Ace Clothing. Their website is: [www.aceclothing.co.uk](http://www.aceclothing.co.uk)



### Celebration Assembly

Our next celebration assembly will be on the **20<sup>th</sup> of January at 2:45pm** in the school hall in the Catherine Kasper building. If your child is receiving an award we will invite you to attend by text. If they receive an award outside of school for swimming, dancing etc. you are welcome to send them in for us to share at our celebration assemblies.

