

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 31st March 2017

Reading for Pleasure

Over the holidays 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, aunties, 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, we are happy for you to read in your home language if your 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

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This week the children will be learning about the rising of Jesus.

Talk to your child about the Easter story after mass on Easter Sunday to make sure they have understood it. The children will be encouraged to retell what they have done in their holidays in 'Big talk Mondays'.

Talk to your child about what they do each day of the holidays. You could get them to make a diary or take photographs to bring into school to share.

The children will be practising counting on and counting back in order to add and subtract groups. They will also practise identifying and sequencing numbers to 20.

Count forwards and backwards (microwave, clocks, fingers and toes, letterboxes, action rhymes, signs).

Understanding of the World



This term the children will be learning about 'people who help'. The children will learn about different occupations and will be encouraged to take on different roles in their play.

You could talk to your child about people in their families and communities.

Celebration Assembly

We would like to invite you to attend our Celebration Assemblies. Our next celebration assembly will be on the **5**th **of May at 2:45pm** in the school hall in the Catherine Kasper building. If your child is receiving an award we will invite you 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.

A friendly reminder

Over the holidays could you please speak to your child about how to care for school resources. We have spoken to the children but a reminder would be much appreciated.

Happy Easter

The Reception team would like to thank you for all your support this term. We hope that you have a lovely and restful Easter Break. School reopens on **Tuesday 18th April** at 8.40am