



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

Spring Term  
2nd February 2018

### Reading Books / Key Words



Please check your child's book bag throughout the week for reading books and / or key word cards. You could challenge your child by encouraging them to practise writing some of the words, making sure that they are forming their letters correctly.

**NB. The children's reading book / word cards and reading record book need to be kept in their book bags.**

Remember that your child's **library book** must be returned every Friday. We are unable to issue a new library book if the previous book has not been returned.

### Home Learning



In Maths the children are learning how to gather information and record it in different ways, for example, by using a tally chart. We will also be introducing the children to pictograms.

Try to make simple tally charts at home. You could ask your child to count and compare the number of different coloured cars they see, using the tally method.

The children will be learning about a variety of different animals, their habitats and the countries where they either live or originate from.

Support your child's developing understanding of living things by talking about the different animals that they have seen in their local environment. Talk about what animals look like, what they eat and how they move, etc. Discuss the similarities and differences between a pet and a wild animal.

We will be exploring different fruit and discussing healthy snacks, as we make a fruit salad

Allow your child to explore a wide range of fruits (including fruit they may not have tasted before!) This is a wonderful opportunity to talk about healthy food. You could make a fruit kebab together or a fruit smoothie.



### Golden Moments



Please remember to send in your child's 'Golden Moments'. You will have received a Golden Moment sheet in your child's book bag. The Golden Moment is a chance for us to celebrate something special that your child has done at home. It could be anything from writing a sentence, solving a maths problem, being helpful or keeping their bedroom tidy!

### Religious Education



The children will be learning how Jesus helped a person who was ill and how he healed him. In your special prayer times together, you could talk about how we can pray to God for family or friends who are unwell.

### Dates For Your Diary

7<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Writing Workshop 2.15 -3.00pm  
28<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Maths Workshop 2.15 -3.00pm  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Visit to Hendon library  
9<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Celebration 2.00pm

### All About Me

We will be sending home an 'All About Me' bag to develop communication and language skills and to encourage the children to talk about their experiences outside of school. Please ask your child to place something that is special to them inside the bag. Ideas could include; a treasured object, a copy of a photograph that captures a special experience, a leaflet of a place they have visited or a certificate from a club.

### Celebration Assembly

Our next celebration assembly will be on the **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**Congratulations to the following children who received certificates at this week's assembly.**



RS – Sophia, Natalia G and Ann Marie

RT – Sean, Junior and Abigail

RJ - John, Benedict and Samantha

