

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2016



### Star of the Week



During the last week of term our Star of the Week was..

**Neth**

Well done, Neth! You had great fun and concentrated really well when you were exploring different sized containers in the water tray.

### Sponsored Walk



The Nursery will be having a sponsored walk, around the orchard, on the morning of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and the afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be a fundraising event to raise money for some lovely new Nursery resources. As part of the fun, we are allowing the children to dress as either a superhero, princess or their favourite sporting hero. Please return your sponsor forms by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support!

### Religious Education



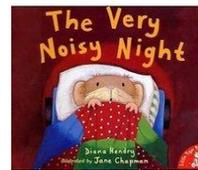
#### God's Family

*The children will be learning that we are all part of the family of God.*

*Here is a prayer that you may wish to pray together;*

*Thank you, God, for making me,  
Thank you for my family,  
Thank you for your love and care,  
Thank you for the joys we share.  
Amen.*

### Book of the Week



Our story this week is 'The Very Noisy Night'. We will use this story to encourage the children to talk about the many sounds that they hear in their local environment (including, of course, fireworks!).

### Supporting learning at home



**Mark making** - This half term, there will be a big focus on early writing skills (mark making). We will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to make all kinds of marks in sand, paint, glitter, flour and shaving foam, etc. They will continue to use a wide range of mark making equipment, such as chalks, crayons, felt pens etc. We will also be encouraging the children to explore the letters in their names. You might like to try this at home too, using playdough, large chalks on the ground, etc. We will continue to encourage the children to write as part of their play, eg. making meaningful marks to represent an order for equipment on the building site! Please encourage your child to draw and make marks at home.

**We will also be;**

**Exploring Bonfire Night** – through creative activities. Help your child to learn about and respond to the beautiful and colourful displays created by fireworks in the night skies. Discuss fireworks safety with them.

**Making Diya lamps** – the children will be making special lamps as they learn that the 'Festival of Lights' is being celebrated by Hindus in our local community. Talk to your child about the ways in which people mark special events and celebrations with fireworks.

**Making healthy flapjacks** – with dried and fresh fruit. Have fun making fruit flapjacks at home too!

### Songs of the Week

#### Pop, Bang, Fizz (action song)

Pop, Bang, Fizz,  
go the fireworks. (repeat x3)  
Exploding in the sky.

(to the tune of 'In and out the Dusty Bluebells')



#### I belong to the Family of God

I belong to the family of God (x2)  
I belong with everyone,  
It's great to know, to know,  
That I belong!



**Family photographs-** please send in a copy of a family photograph, if you have not already done so. Thank you!