



13th June 2019

STEM Week
17th June – 21st June

Dear Parents,

This year, St Joseph's are working hard to promote children's awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Therefore, we will be holding a STEM week on Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June. As a result, we have planned a range of activities for the children to participate in throughout the week. These include: activities in class, exciting presentations as well as motivational speakers from these areas. This will involve children experiencing different areas of STEM which they may not do as part of their normal daily lessons. The aim is to show children the importance of STEM in our lives and to encourage intrigue and inquisitiveness around the subject and, of course, to show how much fun it can be!

In addition, we have also arranged for the children to take part in workshops from 'Learn by Design' on Wednesday, 19th June. 'Learn by Design' bring education to life by using a range of innovative and creative methods to engage and motivate learners both at school and beyond. There are extensions to each of the workshops whilst the presenters will continuously ask the children questions so they can attempt extensions.

We are also very excited to announce that we have arranged for a Maths and Science shop. The 'Gadget Shop' is an exciting stall; home to the most exciting scientific and mathematic curiosities this side of the moon! It's jam packed with scientific gismos, toys, games and gadgets, all aiming to promote a practical awareness of Science in the real world. What's more, our pupils and teachers will be developing their entrepreneurial skills by running the stall from within our school community.

The stall will take place on Wednesday, 19th June and be set up in the playground weather permitting. You will be able to visit the stall with your child after school. Please keep your child's purchase safe and unopened until they leave the school grounds. This way they can share their amazing toys and games at home with you and complete the gadgets practical activities. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and walks home on their own, you may wish to give them some money to purchase an item from the stall.

We are asking for a contribution of **£3.80** for the children to take part in these exciting activities. (**Note that this does not include any purchases the children decide to make from the Gadget Shop Stall**). Your contribution needs to be paid online as soon as possible but by Wednesday, 19th June at the latest.

We are very much looking forward to our week of celebrating STEM and ask that you carry out or discuss day to day Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths with your children as well.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Maths Co-ordinator

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