

# St Joseph's RC Primary, Coundon Newsletter

March 2019

## Lenten Preparation

Ash Wednesday signals the first day of Lent and in school we will be having some opportunities for the children to fundraise for our Lenten charities: CAFOD and Catholic Care North East. EYFS– Class SB are holding a cake sale on Friday 8th March, followed by a few non uniform days and Miss McGough's choir will perform a selection of their favourite songs. Please see the dates overleaf. Ash Wednesday Mass is at 10.45 in St Joseph's church. All welcome.



## Online Safety

Increasingly we are being made aware of issues with online games, videos, so-called challenges and inappropriate content on sites designed for children. Please be vigilant with your parental settings and monitor the time the children are accessing these sites. We have also experienced issues with children sending inappropriate messages to each other through group chats and text messages on their phones. We want to keep all the children safe and happy when using devices. Mobile phones and watches that can take photographs are not permitted in school. Thank you for supporting us with this.

## School Nurse Drop In

On Wednesday 28th March from 8.30am the school nurse Debbie Horrocks will be available for a drop in. If you have any concerns or queries about your child's health please come along. Thanks



## Sporting Success at St Joseph's

Our Year 3 and 4 children in Mrs Lowery's class attended a Curling and Boccia festival in February and placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the whole competition. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to all the children who took part.



Further success for Charlotte who qualified for the Trampolining Northern Zonal Finals in Belfast in January. Super effort. Keep us posted on any other out of school successes.



## Uniform

Wearing school uniform gives the children a sense of identity and pride in their school. Most of our children adhere to this school policy however we have noticed a few alternatives to the expected black shoes! Also may I remind everyone that nail varnish and jewellery including earrings are not allowed in school. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## Dates for your diary...

Event	Date, Time & Venue
Ash Wednesday Mass	Wednesday 6th March at <b>10.45am</b> in church– note later start
Parents' Night Spring term	Wednesday 6th March 2019
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March 2019
EYFS Cake sale for CAFOD	Friday 8th March
Red Nose Day/ Non uniform day	Friday 15th March (voluntary donation)
Y6 Safety Carousel	Monday 18th March
St Joseph's Day– non uniform day	Tuesday 19th March
Friends of St Joseph's Meeting	Wednesday 20th March 2pm
Miss McGough's Class Assembly	Friday 22nd March 2.50pm – all welcome
Multi Skills Festival– Y1/2	Monday 25th March
School Nurse Drop in	Wednesday 27th March from 8.30am in school
Theatre group in school	Thursday 28th March
Choir group performance for CAFOD	Friday 29th March 2.50pm in school– all welcome
First Confession	Saturday 30th March 9.30 am Mass and Confessions at 10am
Autism Awareness Day– Bad Hair Day	Tuesday 2nd April 2019
Easter Craft Afternoon– Parents welcome	Friday 5th April from 1.30-3pm
Y6 SATs week (please avoid holidays)	13th May 2019
Y2 SATs period (please avoid holidays)	May 2019
School Photographer	22nd May 2019
Race for Life	24th May 2019
Y1 Phonics screening week (please avoid holidays)	10th June 2019
First Holy Communion at St Joseph's church	Sunday 23rd June 9am
Summer fayre	28th June 2019
Healthy Week with Sports Day	W/B 1st July: Sports Day Friday 5th July 2019 1.30pm
Seaside Visit	4th July 2019
Leavers' Spectacle	17th July 2019 1.30pm
Leavers' Mass TBC	18th July 2019 9.30am TBC

**We will inform you of other dates as they are arranged in school.  
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