



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

April Newsletter 11

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter holiday. It was lovely to see the children back in school looking smart in their summer uniforms this week. We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of exciting events to share.

Next week we are having a focus on caring for the environment and in particular our school. This reflects our Catholic Social Principle of Stewardship and care for our common home. Wednesday 22nd April is designated Earth Day to remind us all that our planet is unique, and we must use its resources carefully. <https://www.earthday.org/> The staff and children are going to spend time litter picking, tidying and weeding the grounds. We would like to replenish the planters and flower beds which are looking a little sad at the moment. Therefore, we would like the children to bring a small bedding plant (viola, petunia, lobelia, begonia, geranium), wildflower mix (cornflower, ox-eye daisy, poppy) or small shrubs (heather, camelia, ceanothus, azalea, lavender). Please send in the plants on Thursday 23rd April. Thank you for your support to help us make our school environment a more pleasant place for the children to learn.

Year 3 & 4 visited the Suffolk Farm Fair this week to learn more about how food is produced and careers linked to food and farming. It was delight to accompany the children who were so sensible and great ambassadors for our school. The enjoyed watch sausages being made and then eating them! They also saw some horses being shod and went for a tractor ride. The children learned about how potatoes are grown to make crisp and were very happy to get a packet of crisp to go with their lunch. We all loved being close to the animals and being able to stroke them too. We learnt about composting and how this can help our gardens. Some of the braver children held the snails. Hopefully we can put our knowledge to good use to grow our plants in school. As part of the visit, each school was given a tree to bring back to plant and we will plant ours as part of the Earth Day celebrations.





On 23rd April OM Health & well-being will be in school. They will be doing some work with the year 6 pupils focusing on managing emotions as they face changes. There will also be an opportunity for appointments if you would like to discuss your child, family or issues that the nurse could help with- behaviour, anxiety, sleeping, toileting, eating. Please let the office know if you would like an appointment.

Please put the following dates in your diaries:

- 23rd April OM Health & Well-being**
- 27th April Emma Lazell Author visiting R, Yr 1 and Yr 2.**
- 4th May Bank Holiday**
- 11th— 14th May KS 2 Statutory Assessments (Year 6)**
- 13th May Noah class Farm visit**
- 19th May yr 6 Crucial Crew**

25th-30th May Half term

- 3rd June KS 2 Shaking up Shakespeare Workshop**
- 10th-12th June yr 5 Residential**
- 16th June yr 6 First Aid course**
- 17th June yr 4 WCIT Music Festival**
- 24th–26th June yr 6 Residential**
- 2nd July Noah Class visiting Forest school at St Edmund's**
- 3rd July Sports Day (more details to follow)**
- 9th July yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm**
- 10th July FoSJ Summer Fair 3.30-5pm**