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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24



*God of love
We pray for peace in our world, and an end
to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and live our
lives in peace.
Amen*



We would like to wish a Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone on Sunday and look forward to celebrating our Parish Patron Saint Day, The Feast of St Joseph, on the 19th Tuesday March.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF TRUTH

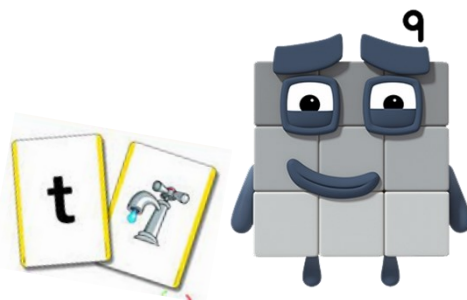
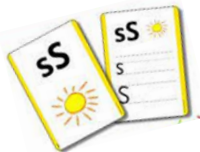


The Gospel this week reminds us that Jesus is the Light and the One True Way to our salvation and God. We see the picture of the Son being the one who represents the Father and so offers life and light and truth. Jesus came to be our Saviour; not to judge. God we learn does not want to condemn. God's attitude towards us is primarily positive. In this we can trust. Jesus came that we might have life. We are told that we can change and respond, but if we reject the light and life he brings, we bring judgement on our self now! John's Gospel asks us to recognise that to reject the love and light and truth we see in Jesus, is to choose death – wherever and whenever we do it. To receive them means life.

HEADS UP

This week we report from St Paul's Class.

In Maths, they learnt about the number **nine**. They walked to the Triangle and enjoyed a Babyccino. In Phonics, they revised their sounds.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

St Philip walked to Mass on Wednesday 13th, St John's Class will be attending Mass at St Joseph's on Wednesday 20th March at 9.30am. Parents and families are welcome to join them.



CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

During Lent, our Mini Vinnies lead our Monday Celebration of the Word. You can find a copy of the readings and prayers on our website each week.

<https://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Prayer+Life%3A+Lent&pid=757>



100% Attendance Owl awarded to St Philip's Class for week ending 8th March 2024

97% Whole School attendance for week ending 8th March 2024

LENTEN REFLECTION

Pupils from the Middle School, Year 3 & 4, will be performing the Lenten Reflection in school during the final week of term.

Tuesday 26th March performance for the school

Wednesday 27th March 2pm performance to parents

Wednesday 27th March 6.30pm performance to Parents.

Tickets are not required for these performances.

For the evening performance could children please return to school at 6pm.

NO PHOTOGRAPH'S OR VIDEOING OF PERFORMANCES Due to safeguarding protocol we have to enforce a blanket ban on parent's videoing or photographing any part of any performance in school.

CHARITY RAFFLE TICKETS

Charity Raffle Tickets are now on sale. No tickets will be sold during Holy Week and the draw will take place when we return after the Easter Holidays. Tickets will cost 20p each and staff will generously be providing prizes.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm,
Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.45—3.30pm

ROSARY

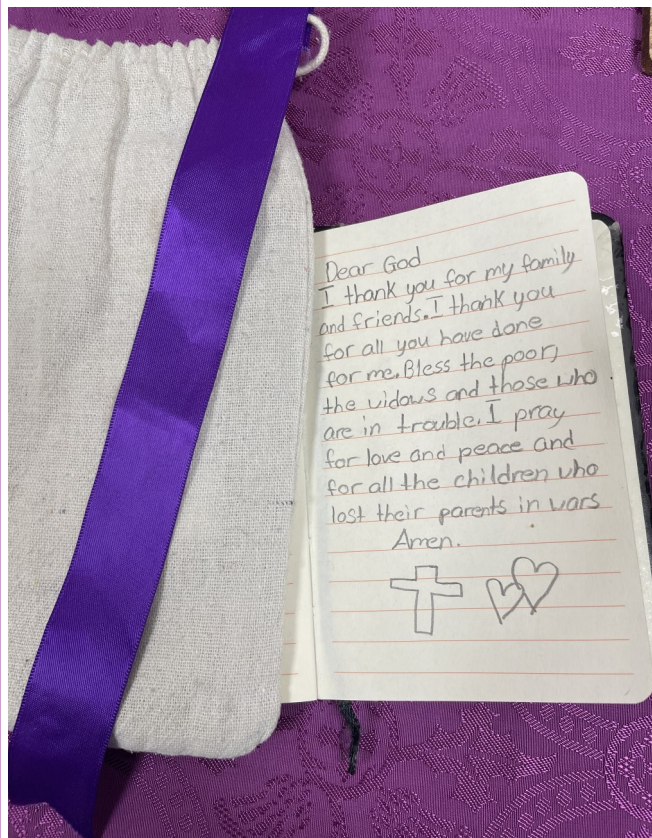
Weekly Rosary Group will be held at 9am each Wednesday. It is a very informal group, our prayers last only around 15 minutes, all parents and carers are most welcome, just turn up after dropping off children.

NO SMOKING OR VAPING

A reminder that there is to be no smoking or vaping on school grounds.

PRAYER POUCHES

Children take it in turn to take the Prayer Pouch home each week, to say/write a prayer with their families. This is an example of a prayer from last week. These are presented during Celebration of the Word on a Monday morning.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Sat 16th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Thurs 21st	Last Street Dance
Fri 22nd	LKS2 Topic Day TBC
Sat 23rd	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Mon 25th	1.30pm Reconciliation
Wed 27th	Lenten Reflection 2pm and 6.30pm
Thurs 28th	1pm END OF TERM

APRIL

Mon 15th	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Tues 16th	Pupils return
Sat 20th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Sat 27th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session

MAY

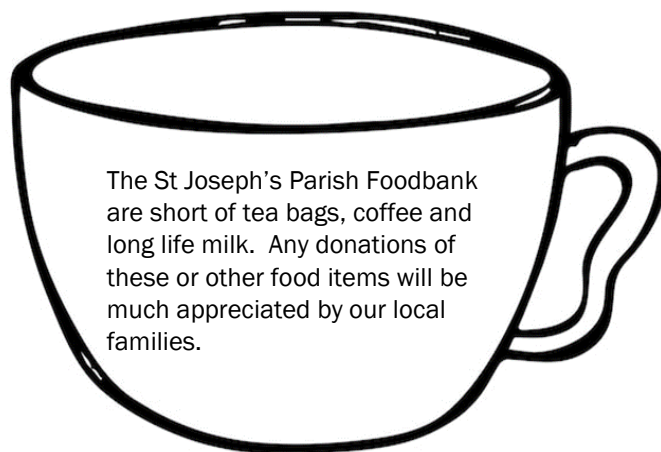
Sat 11th	First Confessions at Church
Mon 13th	SATs Week
Sat 18th	First Holy Communion
Fri 24th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic
Mon 27th	HALF TERM Week

JUNE

Mon 3rd	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Mon 10th	Class Photos
Fri 21st	Fun Jar for Crazy Hair
Wed 26th	St Matthew School Trip TBC
Thurs 27th	St Philip School Trip TBC
Fri 28th	St Barnabas School Trip TBC
Fri 28th	Dress Down for Bottle Tombola
Fri 28th	Mass for St Peter and St Paul at school
Fri 28th	Family Fun Night (3.30—7pm)

JULY

Mon 22nd	Leavers Mass 10am at Church
Wed 24th	1pm END OF TERM



The St Joseph's Parish Foodbank are short of tea bags, coffee and long life milk. Any donations of these or other food items will be much appreciated by our local families.