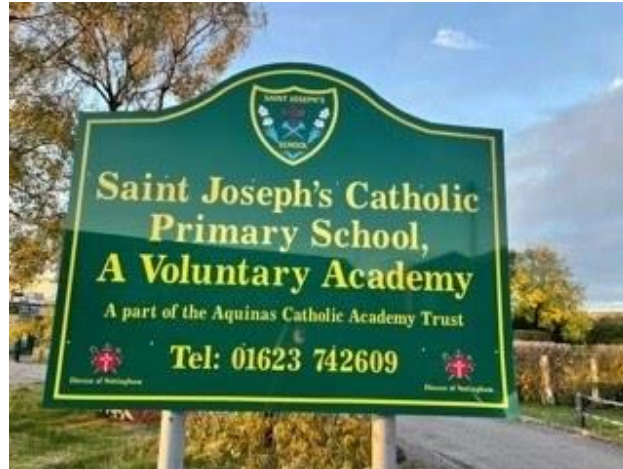


# Friday 25th March

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

### NEWSLETTER



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## Boxes for Ukraine

The Parish have secured a courier to ship supplies to those affected by the war in Ukraine. As a school, we are going to support this by each class packing a box of supplies for the children of Ukraine. If you wish to contribute to this, please send items for a child into school so that we can pack these in the class box. These items could include children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, card games, pencils, pens, colouring books, notebooks, socks etc. Thank you to all of our families who have supported this so far. Please could all donations be in school before Friday 1st April.

## Science Easter Competition

Following our very successful science week in school, the Trust have launched a photography competition this Easter. Over the holidays, we would like children to take pictures that show the theme 'Growth in Action'. Letters have been sent home giving more information about this exciting competition.

## Easter Egg Raffle

A reminder that we are preparing for our most popular raffle of the year, the Easter Egg Raffle. Thank you to those families who have already donated eggs to support this. Tickets are on sale in the classrooms. If you wish your child to purchase any tickets, please send them with £1 a strip to purchase them. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 31st March, it is very exciting!

## Blessing of Decorated Eggs

A reminder that this year we would like children to decorate a boiled egg. This could be painted, coloured or you could use glitter and sequins. On Thursday 31st March, these eggs will be blessed in church. They will then be kept and given as a gift to the Parish Family on Easter Sunday. This is a fantastic way for our children to wish our faith community a Happy Easter and to brighten up the homes of our Parish this Easter.

## School Facebook Page



A reminder that we have launched our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents onto the page regularly. Please follow us at 'St Joseph's Shirebrook' to keep up to date with our latest class news and school events.

## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is 'Sacrifice'. Year 2 class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection as we continue on our Lenten journey together and approach Holy Week.

## Prayers for Ukraine

We ask you to join us in prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

Our peace wall is looking beautiful outside the school. Thank you to those parents who have sent in their prayers on a dove. If any other parents would like to add to the wall, please return your dove to school where we will laminate it and hang it for you.

## Kimmo

We are very excited to announce that Friends of St Joseph have arranged an evening with Kimmo, a children's entertainer on Thursday 31st March from 3:30-5. If you would like your child to attend the event, please book your place via ParentPay. On the evening, there will also be a tuck shop for children

to purchase sweets and drinks. If you would like your child to buy these, please send them with a small amount of money on the day.

## **Easter Presentation**

We are delighted that our KS2 children will be performing their Easter Presentation on Friday 1st April at 2pm. This is always a beautiful dramatization of the Easter story and the children are already working very hard on this. All parents are welcome to join us for the presentation in the school hall.

## **Year Two SATs Parent Meeting**

A reminder that Miss Egerton will be hosting a parent meeting for year 2 children in preparation for their SATs in May. A letter will be sent home at the beginning of next week. If you wish to attend on Thursday 31st March at 4:30pm, please return the slip indicating your email address so that she can send a link to the Teams meeting.

## **Parish News**

A reminder that Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 5.00pm.

Parishioners and parents are now welcome to join our class Masses which are held in church each Tuesday at 9:10am linked to the theme of our Word of the Week.