



### **Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 7**

Dear Parents,

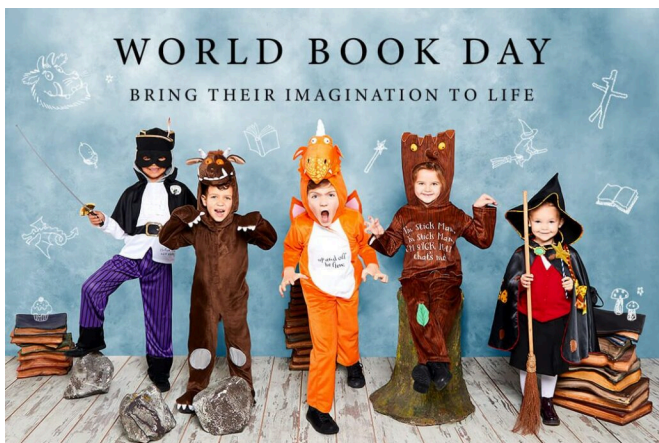


We marked the start of the Lenten season this week in Celebration of the Word. Looking back over the half term break (including Ash Wednesday) it was a joy to share with the children the opportunity I had on Saturday 14th February to attend the installation of Archbishop Richard Moth at Westminster Cathedral in London. I explained how we heard the new Archbishop's voice, encouraging us to embrace our Catholic identity this Lent.

In a similar way, the disciples hear God's voice during the Gospel account of the Transfiguration (2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A). They are told, "This is my son, listen to him." Learning to discern God's word in our world, and willingly obey his call to love and serve others was the focus of this morning's beautiful class worship by St William's Class. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

God bless,  
Mr Collins

### **World Book Day**



Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day with some fun activities and workshops. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book or film character on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) and can, of course, bring in a favourite story to share with the class.

The Travelling Book Fair will be with us during the week, with the opportunity to buy books in the hall after school on Friday 6th March. Please do come along for some amazing bargains! The book fair starts straight after school at 3.15pm and will finish at 3.45pm.

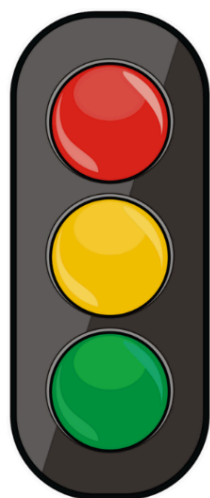
## St Joseph's Day - School Pilgrimage



Please see the separate email with details of this year's St Joseph's Day pilgrimage for Years 1-6. Key points to be mindful of:

- Sign up by Friday 6th March on ParentMail
- Pilgrimage takes place on Thursday 19th March
- Bring a picnic, wear school uniform but have comfortable footwear
- Bring a flag to represent your family's heritage (optional)
- Pick up 2:30-3:00pm at St Joseph's Church (GU1 4AZ)
- Adult walkers (parents or grandparents) needed!

## Attendance and Safeguarding



### **RED - STAY AT HOME**

**SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA FOR 48HRS**

### **AMBER - SEEK ADVICE**

HEADACHE, FEELING UNWELL, TUMMY ACHES.

PLEASE SPEAK TO THE OFFICE OR TO  
YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

### **GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL**

MILD COUGH, COLD, SORE THROAT, FEELING TIRED.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU IF  
YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly. We would like to highlight that regular attendance plays a vital role in children's safety and development; attendance is an important part of safeguarding.

Regular attendance helps children feel settled and supported. By attending school regularly, children feel connected, confident and ready to learn. As always, our priority at St Joseph's is our commitment to fostering an environment where every child feels safe, valued and able to thrive.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or attendance, we encourage you to speak to your child's classteacher or to a member of the Headship team or to Mrs Sue Hua (Deputy Headteacher). We are here to help, listen and to work with you.

### **From the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton**



The diocesan College of Consultors met at The St Philip Howard Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February and elected Canon Jonathan Martin as our Diocesan Administrator. A Diocesan Administrator is a priest chosen to lead the Diocese temporarily, while we await the appointment of a new bishop. His role is to ensure that the life of the Diocese continues smoothly and faithfully during this time. Canon Jonathan will serve in this capacity until the Holy Father appoints our next bishop.

We assure him of our prayers as he takes up this responsibility, and we continue to pray for our diocese during this period of transition. Updates on the role of the Administrator and developments within the Diocese will be shared on the diocesan website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news)

### **From the Diocesan Choral Direct - Mr Fraser Ellson**



As most of you know, I am walking the entire Camino Frances in April of this year. This is in aid of helping your schools with their music budgets! This is the link to my fundraising page: <https://gofund.me/00549fe33>

I will be splitting the pot equally between my nine Diocesan schools and ALL the money raised will be going to this cause (ie: I am funding the trip and travel personally). Let's get fundraising for music in your schools!

### **Upcoming Diary Dates**

#### **Tuesday 3rd March**

1K & 1T to FAST Museum

#### **Thursday 5th March**

World Book Day

Year 6 Parents' SATS Meeting - 3:30pm

#### **Friday 6th March**

2N Swimming

4L's Class Assembly - 10:10am

#### **Friday 13th March**

INSET Day - School closed to children