



St. Laurence Primary Newsletter

Spring Term

12th March 2021

Our School

Gospel Values

Peace

Hope

Generosity

Forgiveness

Courage

Justice

Classes

Robins
Mrs. Harvey and
Mrs. Bennett
Wrens
Miss Tanvir

R

Kingfishers
Mrs. Chalklin
(KSI Leader)
Skylarks
Miss Kelly
Nightingales
Miss Campbell

Yr
1/2

Quails
Miss Peck
Doves
Mr. Fitt
Swallows
Miss Corcoran

Yr
3/4

Magpies
Mr Jiggins
Owls
Miss Beal
Kestrels
Mr. Pepper

Yr
5/6



Welcome Back!

What a wonderful week! It has been fantastic having the children back on site and hearing the chatter in the corridors and playing outside. Thank you for following the risk assessment and rules the school have set out. These still need to remain in place to ensure we lower the risk of having to close the school again.

Please keep up the excellent standard you have set yourselves and hopefully together we can stop the spread of Coronavirus.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Bennett

CAFOD Fundraising

Thank you for sending your children dressed in blue clothes to raise awareness of water shortages around the world. The children raised over £100 which will be sent to CAFOD to support their important work.



Congratulations to Mrs Chalkin who has completed her NPQML (National Qualification in Middle Leadership). This is a huge achievement and shows a great commitment to our school.

Well done also to Mrs Harvey who received her CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies).

Excellent examples of how learning never stops!

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

We are pleased to announce Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough will be working with us and other local schools to launch the new Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, thanks to Department for Education funding. The programme, which is open to children who receive benefit-related Free School Meals to attend if they wish, will launch in the Easter holiday and will provide children with healthy food, and fun activities and sports. The programme will also cover the summer and Christmas holidays in 2021 and will run at multiple locations. For more information about the Easter holiday programme, including details on how to contact your local provider to register your child, please visit:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-easter-applications-now-open>

Please note, places on the programme are limited so please register as soon as possible

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and information please visit
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PTA Fundraising

One of the (few) benefits of lockdown was the uptake in people walking and cycling to school. It was noted by members of our PTA that the number of bikes in the KSI area had increased as the younger children were unable to access the bike sheds on their own.

The PTA then kindly offered to fund the installation of some very smart CyclePods for the children to use. The donation also included a pocket money donation from Benji in Year One.

The Pods were installed this morning and have already been put to good use! The PTA have worked hard during this time to ensure they keep up with the fundraising despite constrictions. We would like to thank the members of the PTA for their continued efforts to support the school and to all the parents who support the events through their donations.



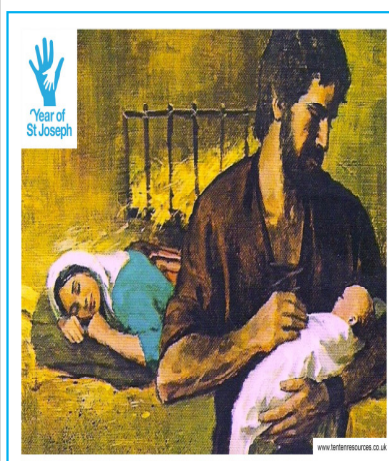
Craft Resource Request

A number of Year groups are working on craft based projects this term and are in need of some donations.

KSI are building rafts and would like offcuts of wood, scrap materials and milk cartons.

Year 3 and 4 are creating collages and would like any old magazines. Any donations can be passed via your child and staff will ensure they are delivered into the right hands!

Thank you



Pope Francis has proclaimed this year 'The Year of Joseph'.

Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.
Pope Francis (8th December 2020)

Celebrating the life of St Joseph, and calling on him for help, is particularly relevant in this time of universal turmoil when so many are having difficulty finding employment, when we are becoming more aware of how much we owe to so many ordinary, hardworking people, and when our human frailty and mortality are so much in our minds and in the news.



Rapid Covid-19 Home Testing Kits for households with children

Help us keep coronavirus out of school

Take part in twice weekly rapid Covid-19 home testing

Households with school-age children can now test themselves twice a week from home using rapid Covid-19 home testing kits.

With up to one in three individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms, it means some can potentially spread Covid-19 without knowing it. Regular testing of people who are unable to stay at home and don't have symptoms means that people with Covid-19 can be detected early and can self-isolate.

As children and young people return to the classroom, we need to be sure that potential Covid-19 cases are found as quickly as possible and that measures are put in place to prevent them from spreading throughout the school community. Although cases are declining generally, we all need to continue to play our part to keep the virus under control and ensure children and young people can remain in education.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits will be available for asymptomatic:

- adults living in households with primary and secondary-age pupils, including their childcare and support bubbles;
- school staff and adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders, as well as members of their households.

Testing is for adults only. Secondary school and college pupils will also undertake regular testing which will be provided via their school or college. Primary school pupils are not being offered rapid testing at this time but parents and carers should access a PCR Covid-19 lab test for them via the national booking system if they develop symptoms.

To find out where you can collect home test kits, visit:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If you are unable to collect, you can order online to be delivered to your home:

<https://www.nhs.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by calling 119.

You do not need to book an appointment or provide ID to collect your home testing kits. Each test kit contains seven lateral flow tests and instructions. You can get up to 28 tests at a time depending on the size of your household. The test usually involves taking a sample from your throat and from your nose, using a swab. You can get a result in 30 minutes.

Rapid tests don't identify all cases of Covid-19, so if your home rapid Covid-19 test is negative, it's vital you continue to follow government guidelines of social distancing, wearing face coverings and sanitising hands. If the test is positive, you should inform your child's school or college and self-isolate immediately with the rest of your household. You will be required to take a lab PCR Covid-19 test to confirm the result – you can book this at: <https://www.gov.uk/test-coronavirus-test> or call 119. If you have coronavirus symptoms get a lab PCR Covid-19 test.



Help us **stop the spread** of coronavirus