



St Joseph's Newsletter March 2024

"We show respect, friendship, excellence and care in all we do and say."

Upcoming Events in School

Please read our newsletter carefully to find out some important upcoming dates and events that will be taking place.

St. Joseph's Day

Tuesday the 19th March is St. Joseph's Day. This is a day that is special within our Federation, as we remember the patron Saint of our school. On this day the children will learn about Joseph the father of Jesus and why he is so special.



World Down Syndrome Day

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World Down Syndrome Day this year is on March 21st. The theme this year is “End the Stereotypes” and is focused on bringing an end to stereotypes which can be harmful, negative or inaccurate.

On this day children will learn about what a stereotype is and we will focus upon how all of us are unique and have an individual identity, likes, dislikes, gifts and talents.

We invite all of our children to come in to school on **Thursday 21st March** wearing odd socks, to symbolise that we are all unique and different.



World Water Day

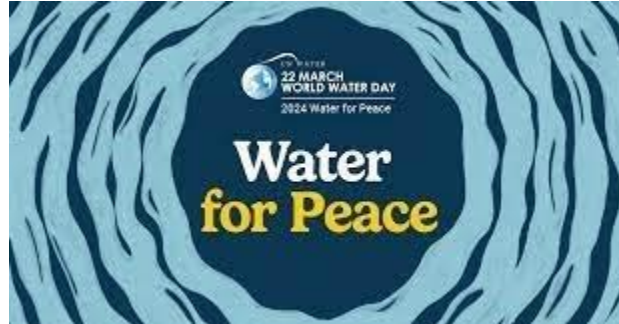
World Water Day, is **Friday 22nd March** and raises awareness of the 2 billion people living without access to safe water in the world.

The theme of World Water Day 2024 is ‘Water for Peace’.

When we cooperate on water, we create a positive ripple effect – fostering harmony, generating prosperity and building resilience to shared challenges.

The United Nations have asked us all to act upon the realization that water is not only a resource to be used and competed over – it is a human right, intrinsic to every aspect of life.

This World Water Day, we all need to unite around water and use water for peace, laying the foundations of a more stable and prosperous tomorrow.



Feast of the Annunciation

On 8th April, we celebrate the Feast Day of The Annunciation- When the Angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus. Across our federation, this is a particularly important feast day for us, as we have the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Class 3 Mass

Class 3 will lead a Mass on **Thursday 22st March at 9:15am in church**. All are welcome to join us for this special time of prayer during Lent.



Early Finishing Time for Children at the End of Spring Term

As you are aware, from September 2023, to bring our school in line with the other schools in Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust; children now finish school earlier on the last day of each term.

Children will break up for Easter, on Thursday 29th March. They will have their lunch in school and then will be dismissed from school at 1PM:

Children are to be collected from their usual exit points on the playground.



Upcoming Dates

Break up from school - Thursday 29th March- School Closes at lunchtime in line with all other schools in our Trust

Good Friday -Friday 30th March

Easter Sunday- Sunday 31st March

Return to school-Monday 15th April

May bank holiday-School closed Monday 6th May

SATs Week Year 6-Week beginning Monday 13th May

Staff Training Day for all trust schools-School closed Friday 5th July



Contact Us

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. As always, we seek to make communication between home and school as effective as possible. If you have any queries, or would like to contact school, please see the information below.

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