

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Building a community of excellence with God's guiding love

Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our final, and most important term in Reception, we are preparing the children for their transition into Year 1. Please continue to read with your child at home and practice reading and writing the phase 2 and 3 tricky words. There are some catchy songs on YouTube that we use in class: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0&t=82s</u> - phase 2 tricky words <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R087lYrRpgY</u> - phase 3 tricky words. (We apologise in advance for it getting stuck in your head!)

Our trip to the farm on Friday 18th May clashes with the school celebration for the Royal wedding and so we will have our own celebration on Thursday 17th May. Children <u>can wear</u> **red, white and blue on Thursday (17th May)** for the celebration. For the trip please can they wear their **uniform on Friday (18th May)**, although they can wear trainers rather than school shoes due to us being on the farm.

In RE this half term, we will be learning about new life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.

At home, you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- looking for signs of new life
- practise the Sign of the Cross, 'Our Father' & 'Hail Mary'
- encouraging them to write their own prayers

He is Risen!

<u>Please continue to share your child's WOW moments with staff in school and on</u> <u>twitter @stjosephskly. We love to hear what they do at home!</u>

Thank you for your continued support

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