



Friday 12th February

Dear Families of St Joseph's,

Well done to you all persevering with online learning and the challenges that this presents us all with. We are delighted with some of the lovely messages that you have sent into school for the teachers and thank you for your kind words and support.

This year is 'The Year of St. Joseph' as declared by Pope Francis for the whole of the church. Pope Francis wrote about St. Joseph *"during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked... Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."*

I am sure that there are many among us who, like St. Joseph are serving the community in a quiet and unassuming way. We ask that you keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

We want to ensure that we celebrate St Joseph throughout this year and we ask that you say the St Joseph's prayer on a daily basis throughout Lent.

'The Bible describes St Joseph as an honest, just and righteous man.'

As St Joseph's day approaches, we would like to give our children the opportunity to illustrate, make a model or capture a photograph of a person/s in their life that inspires them, just as St Joseph does us all. You as a family may wish to reflect on Pope Francis' words and allow them the opportunity to use people in the community as a stimulus for their work. Foundation and Key Stage One children may wish to illustrate a key worker or someone with in their family in whatever form they chose. Work can be photographed and shared with school.

Please share this prayer for St Joseph together as a family.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

Have a restful half term and please contact us if we can be of any support to you or your family.

Take care,
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