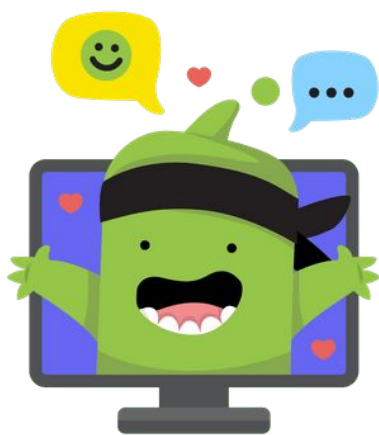




**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

# **Newsletter**

**1 March 2022**



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**St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.**

**Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne**

**Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson**

**Named Governor for Child Protection: Stephen Riedlinger**

# Stars of the Week



Gracie-Rose

Harry



James

Zander



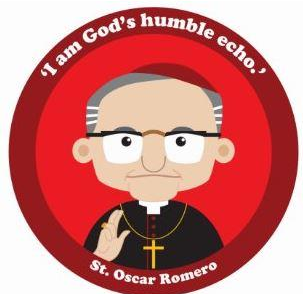
Connie

Harry



Imogen

Heidi



Jack

Joseph



# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 Mar	Ash Wednesday
3 Mar	World Book Day
7 Mar	Swimming Lessons - St Teresa
11 Mar	CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day
14-15 Mar	Parent Consultations
18 Mar	Red Nose Day
4-6 Apr	Y6 Residential
8 Apr	End of Term



# Parent Consultations



Parent Consultations will be taking place in school the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March. You are invited to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and we look forward to seeing you to pass on positive information and suggest ways in which you can support your child to get the most out of school life. Parents' evenings are important. When schools and parents work together, children do better. It is always useful in KS2 (Y3 – Y6) if pupils can accompany their parents to the meeting so that a meaningful discussion can be had between all three parties.

If your child is on our SEND register you will receive a copy of their current My Plan in advance of your meeting so that this can be discussed in the parent consultation.

**Appointment slots will be booked online through eSchools as normal and will become available from Tuesday 1st March at 12am.**

**If you have mislaid your eSchools login please speak to the office and we can re-issue it.**

# Covid update

On Monday 21 February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response 'Living with COVID 19'. The main changes that affect primary-aged pupils are changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts.

## **Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts**

Although the Government has removed the legal requirement to self isolate following a positive test, the current public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This advice is for:

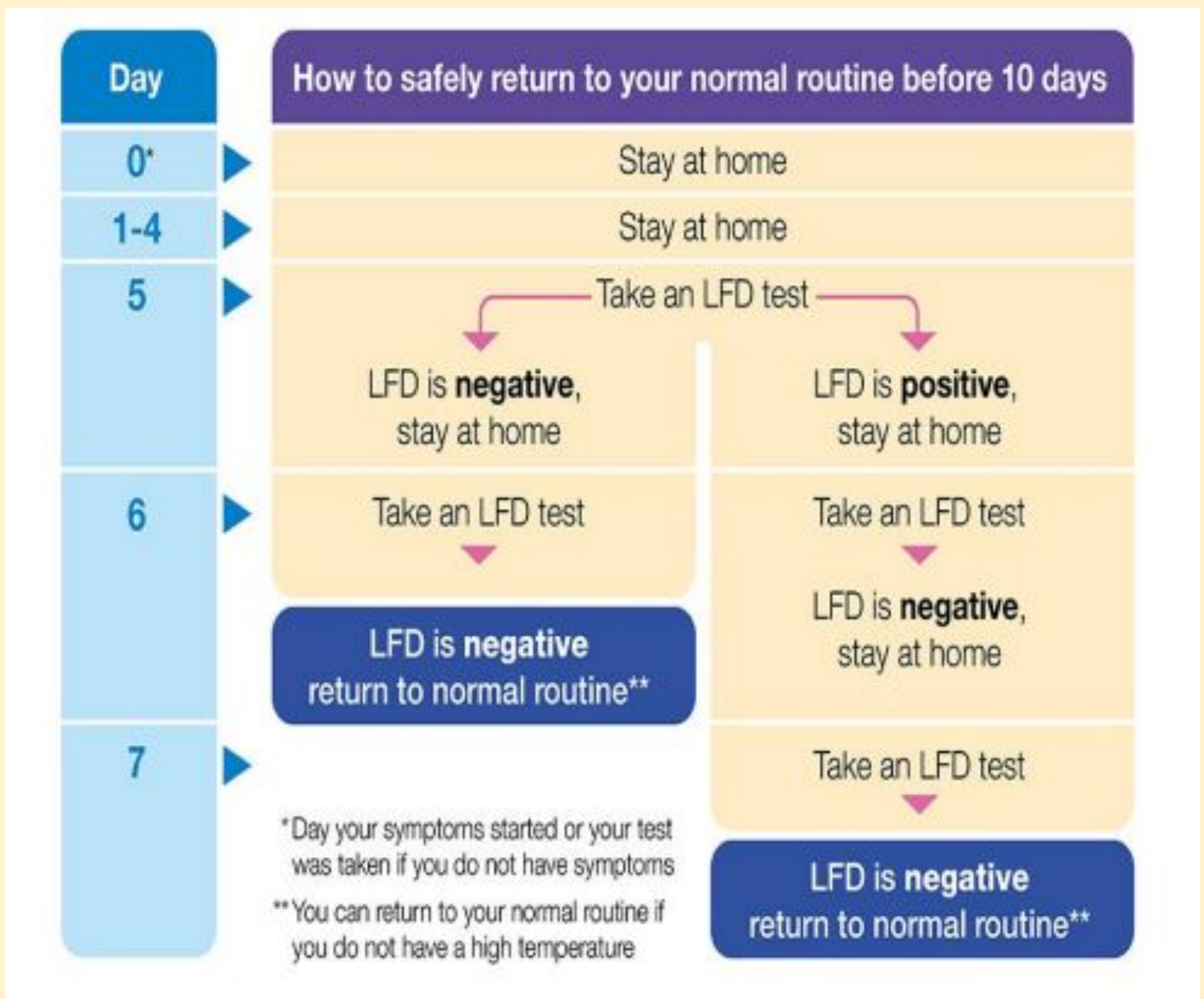
- People with any of the main symptoms of Covid-19.
- People who have a positive Covid 19 lateral flow or PCR test result.
- People who live in the same household as, or who have had close contact with someone who has Covid -19.

We will follow this guidance and ask those testing positive to remain off school for at least five days and then until they have received two negative test results. This is illustrated in the graphic shown on the following page.

More detail can be found in the [Living with COVID -19](#) Plan

# Covid update

This guidance applies until 1 April at which point free lateral flow tests will no longer be available. We will share further information at that point, but it may be that at this point we will need to adopt the approach taken with other infectious conditions and keep children at home for 48 hours after the end of symptoms.





On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March each class will hold an Ash Wednesday Liturgy, including the distribution of ashes, to mark the beginning of Lent.

Lent is a time for reconciliation and growing closer to God. It is a time for doing something positive and, as is our Catholic tradition, the children and staff will focus on: **Prayer, Alms-giving and Fasting.**

Our '**Lenten Promises**' will start on Monday 7th March. Each year group has a Lenten Promises pack that will go home with a different family for each evening up to the end of term. Please remember to return one cross with your family names on for our display in school, along with one item for donation to **Homeless In Teignbridge Support**. (Instant mash, custard, deodorants, long life fruit juice and squash drinks are among the items that would all be very welcome.)

During Lent each class will '**Pray the Register**'. Each day in classes our morning prayer will be for a different family in the class. You are invited to send in prayer requests if you wish.

This year as well as supporting HITS we will also be supporting CAFOD's initiative Walk against Hunger and Comic Relief's Red Nose day as our Lenten charities. Please see the following pages for more information.



During Lent we are encouraging children to up the number of sustainable journeys they make to school each week. Parents could make a donation for every sustainable journey their child makes or make a donation if their child is awarded their Walk to School March badge. Sustainable journeys to school include: Walk, cycle, parking beyond the visibility of the school & stride, and scooter. The donation can be brought into school or made at [JUST GIVING CAFOD](#)

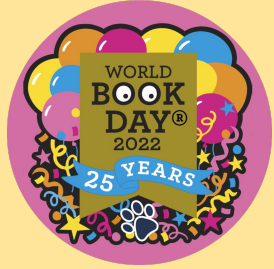
For pupils to achieve their Walk to School badges during Lent they will need to make at least three sustainable journeys each week. All of our individual small changes will make a big difference. Thank you for your support.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March children may come to school wearing their own clothes for a small donation towards our Lenten fundraising for Red Nose Day. The donation can be brought into school or made at [JUST GIVING RED NOSE DAY](#)

**Join the CAFOD raffle** - Another way to get involved at home is to take part in the CAFOD raffle. Search '[CAFOD spring raffle](#)' to find out more. We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.







# St Joseph's World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

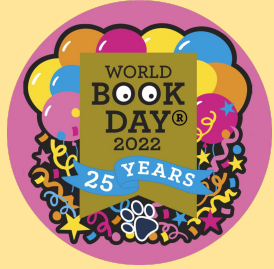


It is that time of year where we celebrate and appreciate all the wonderful books we have around us. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book characters, or in bedtime wear so they can get cosy and enjoy some of the book-related activities through the day. Each class will have a 'Bedtime Story' in the library as well as several activities in class.



## \*\*\* COMPETITION \*\*\*

Our competition is to decorate a potato as a book character. There will be a runner up prize, and main prize for winners in the KS1 and KS2 category. How you use the potato is up to you....but feel free to check out the ideas opposite for some inspiration!



# St Joseph's World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

**This year, we hope to also invest in our school library to really make it the “heart” of our school. We really believe that, not only should every child be able to read and comprehend books, but they should also have a love for reading that they take with them when they leave our school; we hope our new library will be a space to grow that love and curiosity around reading.**

**We would like to start the fundraising for this after school on Thursday 3rd March. We are fortunate to have a fantastic range of books, but as time goes by, some are no longer suitable for our shelves.**

**Therefore, we will be offering these books for people to take home and will have a voluntary donation box should you wish to donate.**

**More information regarding this will follow nearer the time. We can't wait to hear all about your favourite books and see your favourite characters on Thursday!**

**Kind regards, The St Joseph's Team.**

**We offer a message of prayer, support and solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters .**

**Loving God,**

**We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect  
them.**

**We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide  
their choices.**

**We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis, we may reach  
out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in  
need.**

**May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice become a reality for  
the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.**

**Amen.**