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**Fortnightly News**

Dear Parents,

We are continuing on our journey through Lent and the children are thoughtfully and enthusiastically embracing our increased focus on prayer and almsgiving. A huge thank you to Year Six and Chaplaincy team for organising a hugely successful cake sale on Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £500 as a great start for our Lenten charities!

Each class is looking forward to working together to raise money for CAFOD and Father Hudson's through an exciting sponsored event of their choice. Separate class information will be sent out (if not already) providing more information about this. This will lead up to Holy Week (our last week of term: 4th -8th April) where Year 3, 4 and 5 will lead us through the final events of Jesus' life.

**Ukraine Red Cross Update**

Thank you so much to all families for the wonderful donations of items. Our blue and yellow non-uniform day also managed to raise over £600 for the Ukrainian Red Cross Society. Thank you for all of your support with this.

**Y3 Sacramental Preparation**

Y3, who are busy preparing for their Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, enjoyed a visit from Fr Michael last week. Fr Michael really put the children at ease and they asked lots of interesting and mature questions about the Sacraments. Well done Y3 for your reverence. Please see the separate letter sent outlining the plans for Y3's First Confessions to take place this month.

**Athlete Day**

Our athlete day was hugely enjoyable and successful and we raised over £5000 - wow! Thanks to the children's sponsorships, we will receive a percentage of this to spend on sports and physical activity resources - we will keep you posted! Thank you Miss Wood for organising a super day!

**Y4 Victorian Day**

Last week, Y4 really immersed themselves in Victorian history - taking part in drills, making peg dolls and cup-and-ball games and working with chalk! Y4, can you tell us how you felt about Victorian school?

**UNICEF Update**

We have been working on some exciting updates building on our work on the UNICEF rights of the child - look out for a letter coming soon!

**Award Winners**

Congratulations to the Key Stage One award winners last week. The awards were as follows:

**Key Stage One**

The Tidiness Award **Y2M**

Lining Up Award **Y1G**

Lunchtime Behaviour Award **FYW**

The Attendance Award **Y1G**

The Travel Tracker **Y1G**

This week's award winners are:

**Key Stage Two**

The Tidiness Award **Y6H**

Lining Up Award **Y5L**

Lunchtime Behaviour Award **Y3B**

The Attendance Award **Y4F**

The Travel Tracker **Y3B**

**Cultural Capital**

**Inspirational Artist:**

Osamu Tezuka

"I can cheat fear today - but won't it return tomorrow? Rather, I must embrace this fear...and find peace.

Tezuka was a Japanese manga artist, cartoonist, and animator. Born in Osaka Prefecture, his prolific art work included pioneering techniques. This earned him such titles as "the Father of Manga", "the Godfather of Manga" and "the God of Manga"





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## Notices

### Well Done

Well done Sophia and Anna Waldron who performed a Birmingham Suzuki School Violin concert on Sunday 13 March, raising over £1000 towards the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

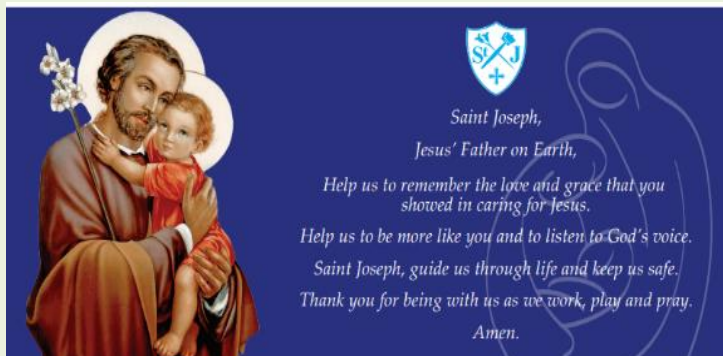
Well Done girls we are proud of you!!!!

### E-Safety

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks, staff are dealing with issues and information from KS2 children about inappropriate websites and content that is being accessed online at home. We complete regular work in school on online safety; please follow this up at home and ensure that children are supervised and monitored when online and that appropriate security settings are in place. This website has more information: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> Please let us know if you need any further support.

### St Joseph Display Board

Last week, the children had the exciting task of taking part in a vote to choose the image and layout for a new permanent display board in our hall. It is in honour of St Joseph, our school patron saint. We were more than happy with the majority vote and think it looks beautiful!



## Tweet of the Week



## Events

The Y15 class assembly takes place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Y16'S class assembly is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Parents of Y1 have been invited.

Y3, Y4 and Y5 Holy Week assemblies take place this half term. Separate information has been sent to relevant classes.

Look out for the new PTA newsletter soon!

Please see the separate letter sent on 4<sup>th</sup> March about parents' evening arrangements.

***This weekend marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent and Saturday is the feast day of St Joseph.***

***Our Chaplaincy Team have written a beautiful prayer, which is now on display in our school hall.***

***We love how it links to our Mission Statement.***

*Saint Joseph,  
Jesus' Father on Earth.*

*Help us to remember the love and grace that you showed in caring for Jesus.*

*Help us to be more like you and to listen to God's voice.*

*Saint Joseph, guide us through life and keep us safe.*

*Thank you for being with us as we work, play and pray.*

Yours sincerely,

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