



# NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Dear Parents

Another busy two weeks have passed and we only have two more left before half term! Last Friday we celebrated the beginning of the month of May which we dedicate to Mary. Children processed outdoors and laid flowers at the statue of Our Lady in the grounds and said prayers. It was lovely! Can be seen here from our Facebook Page :- [Flowers for Mary](#)



On Tuesday our Reception class and staff were able to return to school after isolation and have been full of excitement to be back at school. They even had a visit from Terrible Taylor this week...who wasn't so terrible after all because she gave the children chocolate treasure to enjoy!



On Thursday our Muslim children celebrated Eid with their families and we hope they had a special day.

We will end this month with a World Religions week when the children will learn about all the main world religions and then contribute to a virtual assembly, which we will put on the website for all to enjoy.

Today as I write this, the children are getting active and thinking about how best to keep the mind healthy as it is national Mental Health week.

A special mention to Mrs Hannah and Mrs Maudsley who have been keeping Year 6 busy online on Google Classroom and Meet this week during their isolation.

Well done children and staff for getting through a tiring 10 days. We cannot wait to welcome you back to school on Monday.

Have a great weekend,

## Request for resources

We are constantly trying to improve our EYFS outdoor areas and are asking parents and friends if they have any of the following they could donate to school:

- Clean, natural coloured wooden pallets
- Thick natural coloured rope
- Thick planks of wood
- MDF (Cut offs are fine)
- Astroturf (cut offs or bits left over)
- Camouflage netting or material
- Milk crates
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THANK YOU

## School Book Club

Our current Scholastic Book club is running until 28<sup>th</sup> May. You can buy books for your children at discounted rates and earn rewards for school at the same time. Browse and order at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/st-josephs-parkhill>

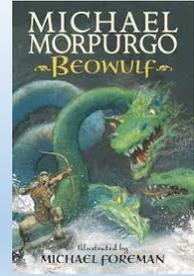
The orders will be delivered to school after half term.



## Pupil Blog

Fatima in year 5 has written her second blog of school life and it is available to read on the website here, just click on this link:- [Fatimas Blog](#). It is brilliantly written, this week telling us of Beowulf and Grendel, baffling computing and more.

Please do take time to read it. Well done, Fatima!



## Instagram

We have sent letters home about our school Instagram page. We would be grateful if you could read, sign and return them before we break up for half term on the 28<sup>th</sup> May.



## National Mental Health Awareness week

Today we spent time in school getting active as a way to ensure good mental health. We did lots of talking about it too. Active bodies = Healthy minds.



## Covid Risk Assessment

Please can we ask parents to help us maintain our covid safety measures by only leaving the car at the allocated start times.

We have noticed children and parents gathering at the bottom of the steps up to the playground. Other year groups then have to walk past them.

We ask that all parents social distance on site and that children stay next to their parents at all times at the end of the day.

Thanks for your co-operation.