

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet day. During the week children will do activities in school about keeping safe online which they will then share with other classes during assembly. For parents there is a free Safer Internet Day Special Event on Tuesday 8 February, 4.30-5.00 pm, being run by Parentzone live on YouTube. It will cover - What games are appropriate for children? What are the advantages and disadvantages of gaming? How can parents and carers make the right decisions for their family? Under the headline "All fun and games? Your guide to gaming", trainer, Sophie Linington, will explore some of the most frequent questions parents have about gaming. A flyer with the link is attached.

**World Mental Health Week**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, we will shine a light on Mental Health Awareness as part of Children's Mental Health week. Children are invited to wear something bright and colourful. Donations of £1 will go towards buying new sensory resources and our new sensory/relaxation zone. On the day children will take part in various activities as well as meeting our nominated pupil mental health ambassadors. We thank you for your support.

**Maths day**

Where possible we work closely with other schools in the local community. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic much of the collaboration has stopped but we are pleased to say that on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February the children will take part in a Times Tables Rockstars day along with other children from the community. They can come into school dressed as rockstars (or just in bright clothing if that's easier!). During the day the children from yr. 2- 6 will take part in maths challenges against other children in the community. All children across the school will take part in fun maths challenges over the course of the week. Any £1 donations that come in will go towards maths resources but it is about having a fun maths day for all the children.

**Recycling**

We are still collecting plastic lids (any type). If you have any please bring them into classes.

**Farewell**

This week we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Greenway who is retiring. Mrs Greenway has worked tirelessly at St Joseph's for 20 years. She has supported and made such a difference to so many children. I know you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done and wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet day

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Mufti day £1 for Mental Health resources

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> February – SEND parent meetings letters will be sent out

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Visit by Exmoor Zoo for Rec and KS1

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Times Tables Rockstars mufti day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – last day of half term

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – children return to school for second half of the term

**Headteacher's Award:** Cherry Class - Amelia, Damian

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class - Aurelia

**Silver Awards:** Oak Class – Tallulah, Maple Class - Lydia

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Jacob, Rowan Class – Poppy B, Sycamore Class – Jessi, Cherry Class – Arthur, Maple Class – Harry K, Beech Class – Amelie