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*"Called to love as God loves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

I can't describe how lovely it is to have all the children back in school again. They have quickly settled into the rhythm of school life again.



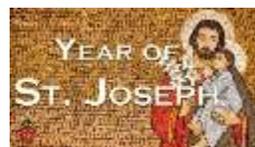
### Science Week

We began by celebrating International Women's Day in conjunction with Science Week with each year group studying a female Scientist including Mary Anning, Katherine Johnson and Helen Sharman to name a few.



### Forest School

The children have been enjoying the increased focus on the Five Ways to Well Being. So far, Reception, Year Two and Year Five have been to Forest School. It brings me great joy to see the children outdoors exploring and working together to design and build their own shelters. A huge thank you to Mrs Ellis and Mrs Clarke for ensuring the children have an amazing time as they round off the afternoon with a warm mug of hot chocolate!



### St Joseph

On Friday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Joseph. Pope Francis dedicated this year to St Joseph and the Family. St Joseph showed great faith in God as he cared for the Holy Family. In our Diocese, we remember his goodness in what was known as St Joseph's Penny; a collection for the poor and needy.



This year, due to the pandemic, the children will not be receiving a St Joseph's Penny box. However, if you would like to contribute to support families in need in our community, you can make a donation through ParentPay. So far, we have collected over £200 for this very worthy cause.



### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening will take place week commencing 29th March. Letters will follow this week with a specific date for each class and details of how you can book an appointment on a video call with the class teacher.



### **Staff News**

I am delighted to be able to announce the safe arrival of Mrs McFee's little baby boy Odhran. Fittingly, he was born on St Patrick's Day! I am sure that you will join us in sending our warmest wishes to the family. That concludes our baby boom year which began with Adriana Murtin, Elena Bushi, Poppy Kelly, Saffie Bullock, Isla Gorman and Odhran McFee. May the Lord God bless them and keep them safe.

Finally, thank you once again for your patience as we adapt to the new one-way system in KS1.

God Bless,

Ms Garvey

***Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey***



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