



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 1-February 2019

Spring 1 Week 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

## A message from the Headteacher

To begin the week, a number of staff attended the Requiem Mass of 'Amazing Grace' Speakman on Monday afternoon. A wonderful celebration of Grace's life, beautifully put together and well attended. An *extra special* well done to Robert Speakman who read the bidding prayers out very clearly and reverently. Under these circumstances, we all felt you did extremely well, reading at your twin sister's funeral. We are all so proud of you Robert. Then of course we had the snow!

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly share with you the considerations we make before taking the decision to close the school. These are: firstly, if the temperature in the building drops; secondly if the food provisions do not reach us and finally if the staff are unable to get into school then the decision will be made to close the school for the day. The fact that it is snowing does not mean school closure. At all costs, we will endeavour to keep school open if it is safe to do so. Unfortunately this decision cannot be made until I have an accurate understanding of staff's situation and number of children arriving in school. We are fortunate to have a brilliant team of dedicated staff who do their very best to get into school as carefully and as safely as they can so that we can maintain our service to children and families. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter on Wednesday morning. The fact that other schools have closed is irrelevant because each school has different types of site risks and may have a larger number of staff travelling from further distance to work and a whole host of other factors to consider. We believe it to be good practice to consult the Safety Officer at Wigan as well, when making such big decisions that have a huge impact on the routines and work patterns of our families. If ever the weather warning is a RED alert then I will close the school with immediate effect and notify you straight away. I would like to reiterate once more that at all cost everyone's safety both children and parents has to come first and great care needs to be taken when travelling to school on these such days. Taking your time is crucial and being late is almost anticipated on Snow days. So please do not worry about that. As always thank you for your continued support.

Last night we had a lovely Sacramental meeting where the children worked well with their families preparing for their First Holy Communion. Thank you once again to those parents and grandparents who attended – it really makes a difference and is so important for the children.

## Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – FOSJ – Film night - **£6 a ticket** includes drink, crisps, popcorn and hot dogs.
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 SAT meeting for Parents 3.30pm – 4.30pm - Children will be looked after in the Oasis – **Please note this important date**
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** is the **first** Swimming lesson for Year 5 pupils not Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.
- **Please note that Year 4 children** are NOT having a class assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We will inform you of their assembly date when confirmed.

## This Week's Superstars - Friday Top Table

A very big well done to the following children have earned the most team points for their class this week.

As an added bonus 'Top Table'  
these winners will earn an extra ten points for their team!

### Infants

Reception - Amelia Smith  
Year 1 - Henry Peters  
Year 2 - Emma Trecarichi

### Juniors

Year 3 - Jenson Birchall  
Year 4 - Jaxson Heald  
Year 5 - Rhys Geraghty  
Year 6 - Dylan Hoy

## FOSJ

The film night this week is on

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 3.30pm - 5.30pm**

It is **£6 a ticket** – Please go to the school office to purchase.

## Spreading the 'Grace love'

Robert Speakman's parents, Julia and Andrew would like to **thank** those who attended Grace's funeral on Monday in St Joseph's Church. They really appreciated it and have been overwhelmed by everyone's thoughts, prayers and support.

**Eternal rest, Give unto her Oh Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. AMEN**

## Quote of the week

From a Year One child, 'Making Snow Angels was the best ever day at school!'.  


Have a great weekend.

Miss Daley

## Weather

### Polite request:

As the inclement weather approaches please ensure your children wear a coat for school and if not already, please bring in hats, scarves and gloves because the wind which we are exposed to on both our playgrounds is **bitingly cold**.

## Best Handwriting of the week goes to.....

**Heidi Danson**

in Key Stage 1 and

**Harry Govin**

in Key Stage 2

Well done to both of you – **Excellent work!**

## Bonus Ball

Number 2

**Congratulations to  
Sammy and Amelia Smith**

## Residential for Year 6

Outstanding balances need to be paid by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.  
Thank you.