

Principal's Update 10.2.23



Dear Parents,

We have finally reached our half term break, after a great start to this term in St. Joseph and St. James's. **School will be closed for half term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February.**

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Monday 20th February.

Reminder - following correspondence issued earlier today via our school app, school will open at **12 noon on Tuesday 21.2.23** for all pupils. Can you please inform us no later than Monday 20.2.23, if you wish your child to avail of school dinners on Tuesday 21.2.23.



As part of **Safer Internet week** this week, each class has completed a range of activities around this year's theme, 'Want to talk about it?'

We have created many opportunities throughout this week for our pupils to engage and talk about keeping safe whilst online. Mr O'Hagan's P5/6 class presented a whole school assembly on this theme and invited viewpoints from all our pupils as part of whole school discussion.

Well done to P5/6 who did splendid work in delivering a very important message to our whole school.

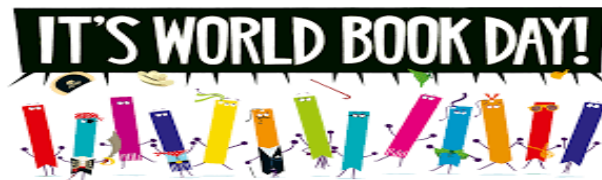




Congratulations to our pupils of the week who obtained the Principal's award for overall endeavour for their work in class. It is wonderful to celebrate how our pupils really do give of their very best.



A huge well done to Amelia, another one of our pupils who has achieved the word millionaire award, as part of our ongoing work with Accelerated Reader.



World book Day will be held on 2.3.23. Following Half term, we will issue the 'World Book Day' tokens to all our pupils which they can put towards the purchase of a new book.



Our Parish are holding a Cake Sale on Sunday 12th February, as part of Fundraising for our chapel. This will take place straight after mass in St. Joseph's Hall Poyntzpass.

The Organisers ask for your support and welcome any baked contributions which can be left in the hall on Saturday from 3.00-5.00p.m

Reminder for all P.7 parents:

Please note the Post Primary applications close on Wednesday 23.2.23 at 4.00p.m.



Wishing all our families and wider school community a lovely half term break.

Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.