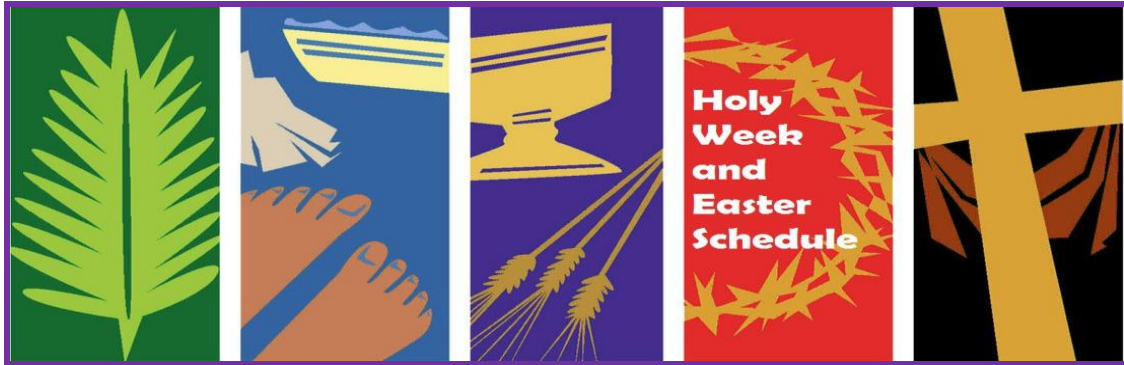


23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,



**Holy Week:** As you know this is the most important time of the liturgical year and the children are busy preparing for our Holy Week Services. We hope you can join us on Thursday.

- Tuesday – The children will walk together through the Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday - Our infants will be celebrating Palm Sunday with a special visitor to school
- Thursday – 9:15 Holy Week Celebration for our Infants
- Thursday – 10:45 Holy Week Service for our Juniors

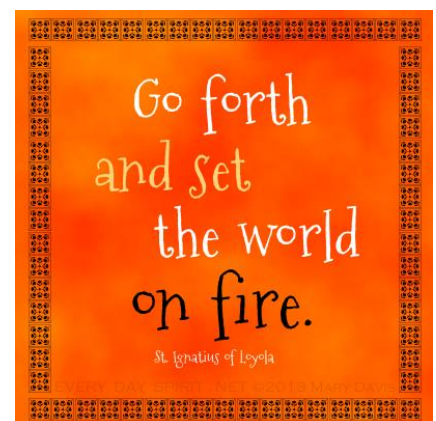


**Goodbye** - All our thoughts and best wishes are with Mrs Busiello who is leaving today as she has gained a new full time position in a new field of work.

She has been a wonderful colleague and we are very grateful for all she has contributed to the Early Years and school life, over the past 5 years. We wish her great happiness for the future and thank her for all the hard work, love and care for our children during her time at St Joseph & St Bede.

## Congratulations

We started the week with a wonderful St Joseph Feast Day Mass. It is a busy time of year and I would like to thank you for all your support for all our assemblies and festivals. Congratulations to Class 3 and Class 8 for their excellent assemblies and a huge well done to our Nursery and Reception children for their Spring Festival.



**Crucial Crew** - Our Year 6 pupils visited Crucial Crew in Bolton for a morning and were given lessons from a wide range of safety organisations including Greater Manchester Police and British Transport Police. The 'hands-on' safety events were about important issues including anti-social behaviour, personal safety and road safety.



We know our Year 6 really enjoyed learning these valuable skills from the professionals, and it was a chance to experience practical demonstrations and have discussions in real-life situations - all within a safe environment.




**ROBLOX warning** - letter: We have had a number of concerns about a popular app used by many of our children. Please take the time to read the letter below from Kent Police about safeguarding your children.

**St Joseph's Penny** - Many thanks for all the families who have returned their St Joseph Penny Boxes, we would like to collect the donations before the end of term and then find out how much we have raised for Caritas.

### **We are looking for a Parent Governor**

Please consider if you are able to be a parent governor and help shape the future of our school. You will be supported by a great team of people and training is available for new governors to help them learn about the role. There are three full governing body meetings a school year and six committee meetings.

School Website: [www.sjsb.co.uk](http://www.sjsb.co.uk)

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**PLEASE SEE MESSAGE BELOW FROM KENT POLICE**

We are putting out this post following our visit to a school yesterday. As most people know we are concerned about the popular app **ROBLOX** which is by far the most popular game played by children from 5 to 10 years of age.

We were talking to a very large group of Year 1 students and we were shocked when over half of them said they were playing ROBLOX. When we spoke to Year 2 at least 70 percent of them were playing the game. Most of these children then disclosed that they had online friends in ROBLOX that their parents didn't know about. It got worse when many of the children stated they had received many in game messages from 'strangers' and that they hadn't told their parents. All of the children then stated that they had seen 'naked' characters walking around the game and that the characters were doing very adult things. The inappropriate content has been disclosed to us thousands of times by young children but we were previously unaware that the children were being sent numerous messages.

When talking to Year 3 students they suggested that a lot of the messages are inappropriate. In all cases the children aren't telling their parents. Most of the young children we spoke to yesterday appear to have been talking to strangers in the game by using a headset to speak. The headset is usually just a normal set of ear pods that you would get bundled with an Apple device as opposed to a specific gaming accessory. We would advise every parent to check their child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. Many of the children we spoke to yesterday said their accounts were 'maxed out' meaning they have 200 online friends. We would also ask parents to check the child's in game message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

**PLEASE CAN EVERYONE SHARE THIS LETTER SO THAT PARENT/CARERS KNOW TO CHECK THEIR CHILDS ACCOUNT**