



Coming Up

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Monday 8th Mar	All children back to school	
Friday 12th Mar	World Book Day—Children to come to school in pyjamas.	

Notices

• Clothes bank

Unfortunately the clothes bank at school is currently full, we have requested that it be emptied so we will update parents when it has been.

• Parentmail

Our new RAG (Red/Amber/Green) parentmails should hopefully help families prioritise emails that need to be read. Remember RED means it should be read as soon as possible as the email is of high importance and /or immediate action or response may be required.



Statement of the week

'It's OK to make mistakes'

Please take time to discuss this statement at home with your child.

Prayer of the week

Prayer for week 2 of Lent

God of infinite love,
you shower me with limitless gifts in my life.
In my every thought and action today
guide me to the bright and loving light of
your kingdom.

Help me to be aware of
the many ways you allow me
to share in your life so intimately today.
Thank you for the gifts you have placed in
my life.

Let me be grateful every moment of this
day.



Wellbeing box for Father Stephen

Thank you to all the children who sent in cards and pictures for Father Stephen. He misses coming into school and seeing the children so he was thrilled when Mrs Topping dropped off his box of goodies!

Message from Mrs Chambers

Dear parent / carer,

I hope you have all enjoyed the amazing weather at the weekend and that this has helped you all to feel more hopeful for the days ahead! One more week of home schooling to go, with light at the end of the tunnel for March 8th when all our children return. I hope that all parents received information on the return to school at the end of last week.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents forum last week. The positive feedback on home schooling and also the return to school was great to hear. There were some excellent suggestions including the rag rating of parental communication which we have acted on and sent out further information to all parents. It was confirmed at the meeting that we will be continuing with the strict safety guidelines in place before partial school closure until at least Easter. We will continue to be advised by the government and the trust on safety measures.

Staff will all be preparing the curriculum for the return of all the children on March 8th considering carefully the threads in our original recovery curriculum of: -

Thread 1: Relationships – we can't expect all our children to return joyfully, and some of the relationships that were thriving may need to be invested in and restored. We need to plan for this to happen, not assume that it will.

Thread 2: Community – we must recognise that curriculum will have been based in the community again for a period of time. We need to listen to what has happened in this time, understand the needs of our community and engage them in the transitioning of learning back into school.

Thread 3: Transparent Curriculum – some of our children may feel like they have lost time in learning and we must show them how we are addressing these gaps, consulting and co-constructing with our children to restore confidence in all areas of the curriculum.

Thread 4: Metacognition – in different environments, children will have been learning in different ways. It is vital that we make the skills for learning in a school environment explicit to our children to re-establish routines, reskill and rebuild their confidence as learners.

Thread 5: Space – to be, to rediscover self, and to find their voice on learning. It is only natural that we all work at an incredible pace to make sure that no child is disadvantaged, providing opportunity and exploration alongside the intensity of our expectations.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about the return of children on March 8th.

Kind regards, Alison Chambers



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently

Y3—**Sophie** and **JR**

Y4—**Sofia** and **Freya**

Check Class Dojo for Head teacher awards!

Maths Challenge

Well done To Florence B, Elisa, Isobel and Riley who all took part in the qualification challenge for the UK Kangaroo Maths Challenge. Florence, Elisa and Isobel were all within the top 500 and will sit the British Kangaroo Paper this week. Well done to all 4 children for their efforts.

Wellbeing bags

Did anyone spot Mrs Chambers on the front page of the Rutland Times? We hope you all enjoyed your wellbeing bags. Thank you again to all the companies who contributed to them. We loved hearing what everyone had been up to. Oscar enjoyed planting the sunflower seeds and Niamh made the pizza from one of the recipes. We look forward to seeing pictures of the sunflowers once they've flowered!



Library refurbishment

We are very excited with how our library refurbishment is progressing. Miss Reeson and Mrs Menzies have been busy painting the mural using the children's ideas—here is a sneak peek, do you recognise some of the characters?

We also received a generous donation of £500 from the Lions Club, Rutland which we have used for new furniture. We hope it will be finished this week ready for the children coming back to school. We will share pictures when it's finished!



Live streamed Holy Mass

As we are unable to attend Mass at the moment, you can access a live streamed Holy Mass. Click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/>

You can also keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#)