



# St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick



World Day for the Sick takes place on 11th February.

The day was introduced by St. Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers.

He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; a feast commemorating the appearances in 1858 of Our Lady to the young girl, Bernadette. Lourdes has been a site of pilgrimage, renowned for healing, ever since.

We pray for children who are sick: those in our school, in our communities and sick children who live in poor countries. May they find the help they need to recover from their illnesses and grow healthy and happy.  
We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us.

We pray for adults we know who are sick. We remember especially adults in our families who are unwell. May they know God's healing and peace.  
We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who care for the sick: those who look after loved ones at home and all who work in our clinics and hospitals. May they be blessed with patience, kindness, wisdom and hope.  
We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us.

We pray for children around the world who are sad, lonely or scared. May God keep them safe and help them find joy and friendship.  
We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis and for other missionaries who make God's love known in the world. May the Holy Spirit inspire and encourage them in their work.  
We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us.  
We pray for one another

May all children  
In the world  
Share love  
Share friendship and live  
In the peace  
Of God's love  
Now and forever. Amen.



## Class assembly Schedule

As always please arrive by 2:55pm for a 3pm start as we cannot admit anyone into the hall after that time.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 2  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Reception  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1

As part of the half term homework we would like each child to make a shoebox gift for the children affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. Please have these back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. THANK YOU!

## Please donate to help children affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria



A Simple Shoebox Gift Begins with You  
We believe that sending shoeboxes shows love from St John's children to those who are in need.

You can bring joy, love and hope to children affected by the earthquakes. A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact!

Why not include a personal note or a drawing of you or your family?

### Gift Suggestions

**TOYS** - A deflated football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** - Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, towel.

**OTHER ITEMS** - Hat, gloves, scarf, socks, T-shirt, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

### **FSM VOUCHERS**



Those of you that are eligible for the holiday free school meal vouchers - unfortunately there has been a delay and we will get these to you after the half term.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please make sure your child knows the book well that features this character!



Dedicated to Turkey & Syria



A massive thank you to everyone that picked up a prayer card and donated towards our Turkey & Syria appeal!



### **Knife & forks**

Please continue to practice using a knife and fork at home with your children. After half term our lunchtime monitors will be rewarding those children that display their beautiful table manners!

**Reminder that packed lunches must not contain any nut products, sweets or fizzy drinks -these items will be removed!!**



Half Term



Have a fantastic half term break and we will see you all on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February!