



ST JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

12th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and I am sure your children are looking forward to a chance to recharge over half term as much as the staff. The last few weeks have certainly been different and challenging for all and I thank you all for the support you have shown, whether it be during remote learning, taskmaster and wellbeing challenges and your kind comments and messages online.

Unfortunately, it is still unclear whether we will be able to reopen school fully on the 8th March, however the DfE have said that they will give schools two weeks' notice before reopening and with that in mind I will let you know at the earliest opportunity.

The decision will also impact on how things proceed next half term, so whilst we will be holding parents' evenings it may be that they are virtual rather than in school. Our usual Lenten activities will also have a different format and all the children have been involved in coming up with their own sponsored event for their own class.

We will still be having our other Easter events within class so with a half term under lockdown ahead you might want to get ahead on Easter Bonnets for EYFS and Pre Prep and on Jars for the Jar Tombola for Reception to Prep 6. In order to allow for any needed quarantining we would ask that they are brought to school by Friday 26th March ready for the last week of term.

Whilst the half term is an opportunity to relax and recharge as we are an ISA (Independent Schools Association) member, your children in the Prep Department are able to take free holiday lessons with atom learning via the following link:

<https://app.atomlearning.co.uk/atom-clubs>.

Our return after half term also coincides with World Book Day. We will be taking part in Share a Story Live for half an hour at the following times each day.

Prep 3 and Prep 4

Wednesday 3rd March 10.30am

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/books-that-make-you-lol/>

PP1 and PP2

Thursday 4th March

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/words-pictures-bring-reading-to-life/>

Prep 5 and Prep 6

Friday 5th March

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/books-and-the-real-world/>

Why don't you also have a go at making a character from your favourite book? You can use any small, empty container.

Check out our Facebook post for ideas of how an Actimel bottle can be used.

We wish you all a great half term.

Best wishes,



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