



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St. Joseph's Day to you all.

All of the children have been learning a little more about our school saint and the Year of St Joseph today.

At St Joseph's, we are looking at how we can celebrate this year with our pupils. Working with our Student Faith Council, we will be looking at how we learn from and celebrate the life of St Joseph.

We have had another week where it has seemed like our pupils have never been away. The polite, well-mannered children who come through the gates each morning is truly a delight. The smiles, laughter and positive attitudes are incredible. I have seen such a lot of great work this week and it has really brought a smile to my face. Thank you.

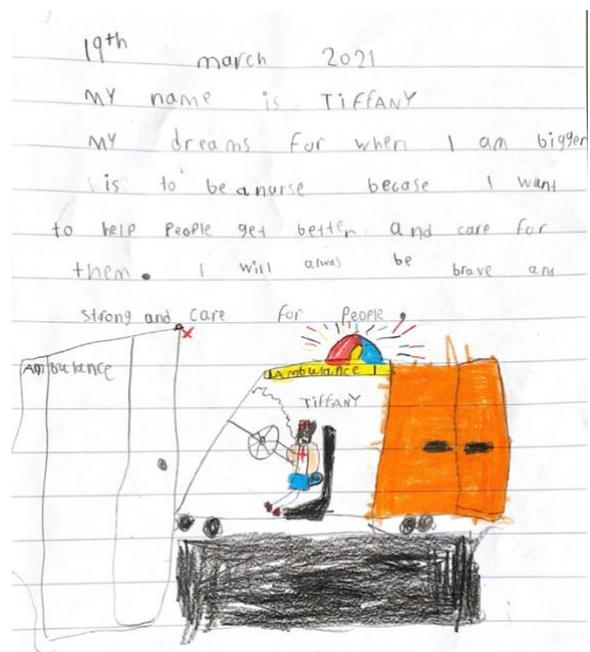
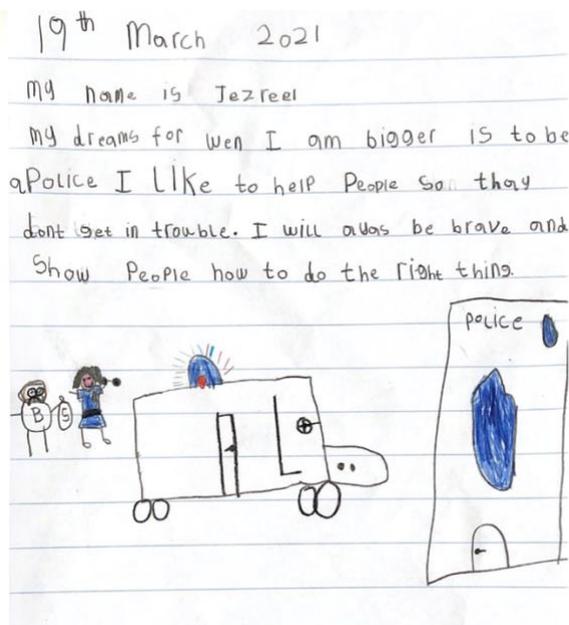
### CAFOD LENT APPEAL – WATER IS LIFE

You will have seen the letter that has been sent home from the Student Faith Council regarding the sponsored walk for CAFOD. Parent Pay is open for all sponsorship. If you would like to know more about where this money will go to, please take a look at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/RkDJ1J89hV4> The money really will make a difference.

### LITTLE LEADERS AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

As a result of the work on visionary women around the world, all pupils have engaged in learning about inspirational women who made a difference to others. With the new knowledge on what it means to be bold, visionary and to be a leader, Mrs Walker arranged for all pupils to write a letter to their future self. I have included a few examples below from across the school:



Dear future self,

My dreams and aspirations are to become a doctor. This is because I like to help people when they are sick or hurt so I can make them better by healing them. I know that sometimes it might be challenging but I will try my best.

I hope that my profession will be exciting and it will be very nice to work in. Sometimes I know that it might be hard at first but I am still going to try my best and help.

I hope that I will help the world ...I think I can also be bold by helping more people ...

I hope that I will lead others by having lots of ideas. Also, by giving them my doctor ideas.

From Maya

Dear future self,

I am writing to you because I want you to remember when we were 9 years old. We were meant to write a letter to our future self. Read this letter to remind yourself and make sure you did what you set out to do.

My vision is to be an art teacher. I want to help children draw like they've never drawn before. I want to help children get better at the things that they want to achieve, their goals with drawing and push them to their limits. My dream is to help kids achieve their dreams and find their talent.

I have been inspired with my vision by learning about Alma Woodsey Thomas, who was the first black artist to get her work displayed in a famous gallery in New York. She was also a teacher and did many good things for her students. It was very inspiring how brave and independent she was during her hard times. I am also inspired by my cousin because he never gives up and always works hard. I am going to be bold by trying to do these things and not let anything pull me down.

Yours truly  
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How proud we are of all of our children. Let us all help our pupils in St Joseph's to always achieve their ambitions and continue to be the kind and wonderful people they are.

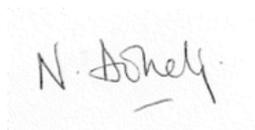
Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe everyone.

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Best Wishes

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# Asymptomatic testing

## Information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

**Tests are fast, easy and completely free.**

There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- - through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- - by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of

7 tests

- - by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through

other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

**Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.**

**Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible.** Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other

You can collect Lateral Flow Home Testing kits for the adults in your household from:  
Molesworth Stree car park, Lewisham SE13 7DS or  
Vanguard Street car park SE8 4DQ



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