

Term 4 22nd February —31st March 2021

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

Despite the fact that all the children have only been back in school for a little over three weeks, this term seems to have been a very long one! I am sure that you will share our mixed feelings about the year slipping away too quickly whilst also wishing for the summer to be upon us and Covid-19 a little further away from us.

Whilst further restrictions have been lifted this week, it is essential that we stick to the rules that are in place and keep the lid on the infection rates. Please see the link below for what is now permissible in terms of social contacts:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>



As you are aware, we are saying “au revoir” to Mrs Hardie this week as she leaves to take up her new post as Headteacher at St Thomas More School in Kidlington. We will all miss her and it was wonderful that so many of you came up to school yesterday to wish her well. Thank you!

Ms Wortley will be taking up the acting role of Deputy Headteacher next term and she will be out of class two days a week in order to carry out the additional duties and responsibilities that this entails. Ms Wortley has received the safeguarding training required to be a Designated Safeguarding Lead and so

she is another person, other than me, to whom you can speak if you wish to raise any concerns about children or other safeguarding matters in school.

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April and you will receive a letter as soon as we return from the Easter holidays explaining to you how to book an appointment and how to join the video conference with your child/ren's teacher/s.

Our greatest hope is that we can begin to reinstate normal routines and activities in the summer term, but we will need to wait until after our return from the Easter holidays to review the infection rates and take advice about moving staff and children between bubbles.

On behalf of my colleagues and the governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Smith



Holy Week and Easter Liturgies at St Josephs and St Johns

Details of the Liturgies can be found on the website for St John the Evangelist and St Joseph the Worker website.

www.banburycatholicchurches.org.uk

Virtues for next term: The virtues for next term are compassion and loving

Attendance

8th—31st March	94.28
Reception	91.51
Year 1	91.18
Year 2	92.74
Year 3	94.70
Year 4	95.52
Year 5	96.26
Year 6	97.56



Dates for the diary

Monday 19th April 2021—Start of term 5

Tuesday 27th April —Parents evening

Wednesday 28th April —Parents evening

Half Term - Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June



If one of your children begins to display symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of finishing for the school holidays, please:

Inform me immediately via email : head.3825@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

- Arrange for the child to have a test and then report the test result to me as soon as you receive it.

This is essential as I am required to support the national track and trace system and I am required to report any incidents of infection to the Public Health Team as well as inform any other families (or staff members) that may be affected.

I will be checking my emails regularly so do please stay in touch in the way described above.