

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 6th September—20th October 2017

TERM 2 STARTS: Monday 30th October at 8.45am



Dear Parents & Carers,

Following the success of our Citizens of the World Week last year, we have repeated the event this term and taken the theme of the environment for our focus. We began the week with a message from Pope Francis in his letter "Laudato Si" which I shared with the children in assembly https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=KOgF2KgeI6k and since then the children have been beavering away in House families to find out more about how we can live more sustainably and take better care of planet earth. By the time you receive this newsletter many of you will already have been into school to see the work which they have produced and we hope that you will continue to have the conversations with your children and find ways of reducing waste and using less energy.

Thank you for your very generous contributions to the food bank at Harvest Festival. Yet again we were able to fill the van up with your donations, which have been especially welcome this year as the food bank has experienced a particularly high level of demand recently.

Today, as a school and parish community, we celebrated our successful Ofsted report with tea and cake after our awards assembly. Thank you for your loyal support of St Joseph's School as we continue our journey towards 'Outstanding'...

Please take note of events for next term and enjoy a restful half-term break.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith

Dates for the Diary

Mon 30th October at 8.45 —Term 2 starts	Fri 8th Dec—Christmas Fayre 3.00-5.00pm
Tue 31st Oct—Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park	Tue 12th Dec at 6.30pm—KS1 Nativity for parents
Wed 1st Nov —All Saints Day -- Whole school Mass	Tue 12th Dec—EYFS Nativity for parents
Thur 9th Nov—Year 6 Netball Tournament	Wed 13th Dec at 1.30pm—KS1 Nativity for parents
Mon 13th—Fri 17th Nov—UK Parliament Week	Wed 13th Dec—EYFS Nativity for parents
Mon 13th Nov 1-3pm—'Promoting the development of language at home' workshop for EYFS parents	Fri 15th Dec at 9.00 am—Christingle preparation
Thur 16th Nov—Year 2 Multi skills festival	Fri 15th Dec at 14.00—Christingle Service with readings and carols
Tue 21st Nov—Flu vaccinations for Years 1-4	Tue 19th Dec at 1.00pm—End of term 2
Fri 24th Nov—Year 6 at IMPS	Thur 4th Jan at 8.45—term 3 starts
Wed 6th Dec— Service of Reconciliation Years 4,5 & 6 TBC	Fri 5th Jan—Mass for the Epiphany
Thur 7th Dec —Life Bus	Thur 18th Jan—Aladdin pantomime
Fri 8th Dec—Life Bus	Fri 9th Feb—end of Term 3

Next term's virtues are 'Learned and Wise' because we believe that:

- if we nurture wisdom and a desire to learn in our pupils, they will use their gifts and skills for the benefit of others and will contribute positively to others' lives.



Attendance and Punctuality

Beat the Gate—Don't be Late!

Attendance for Term 1

Term 1 Overall Attendance	97.20%
Number of lates	49
Reception	96.86
Year 1	97.05
Year 2	98.26
Year 3	96.72
Year 4	96.64
Year 5	97.99
Year 6	97.02

School Communication



Thank you for returning the student update forms. It is vitally important that we have up to date contact information in the case of an emergency.

Unless a tear off permission slip is required we send all correspondence via email. Please provide the office with an email address to ensure that you are kept up to date with what is happening at school which may affect your child.

For up to date school news and important information please visit the school's website at:

www.st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Christmas Fayre

Dear Parents, Friends and Families,

St. Joseph's School Christmas Fayre is going to be held on

Friday 8th December 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

The organisation and planning has now begun for this popular festive event. We are going to ask for donation of bottles, cakes, chocolate and Christmas items.

Fri 17th Nov – Christmas items (Xmas decorations, crackers, Xmas cards, wrapping paper)

Fri 24th Nov – Filled bottles (squash, bubble bath, fizzy pop etc)

Fri 1st Dec – Chocolate and sweets

Fri 8th Dec – Festive cakes and biscuits

If you would like to offer your help for any aspect of the Fayre please see Fran Jenkins or Monika Dajczuk. Any help in any way would be gratefully appreciated.

The Christmas Fayre has always been a popular and fun event at St. Joseph's School because of your continued support and generosity.