

Term 1 1st September—23rd October 2020

ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure we are all agreed that this has probably been one of the strangest terms we have had and one of the most tiring. It has also passed incredibly quickly. Thank you for the appreciative comments that have been made over the weeks. It is good to know that you recognise the efforts that are being made to keep school as safe and as 'normal' as possible for everyone.

We have been determined to finish the term on a high note with our annual Citizens of the World Week and, whilst it has had to be organised very differently this year, I hope that your children have enjoyed the greater degree of creativity and the fun that has been shared in classes. The UKS2 staff have made us laugh every day with their explorers' outfits!

Whilst the children have settled back into school routines very well and have begun their progress towards closing gaps in their learning, we need to keep them moving forward. Please make time over the week's holiday to read to and with your child/ren and also to hear them recite their times tables out loud. They can still access Times Tables Rockstars and there are also useful links on the class padlets so that they don't slip back again over the holiday.

Very importantly, over the holidays please ensure that you continue to observe the Covid-19 measures in place currently so that we all return fit and well on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Observe the rule of six.** It is now illegal to meet in groups larger than six either indoors or outdoors for any period of time;

**Observe rules around face coverings** - in all shops, supermarkets, shopping centres, on public transport, places of worship, museums and libraries;

**Work from home wherever possible;**

**Do not travel unnecessarily**

Enjoy a restful half-term break.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith

Virtues for next term:

We believe that if we nurture a strong conscience in our pupils, they will have the confidence to lead by example, reflecting God's love to others and striving for harmony and equality in the communities around them.



## Friday early closing

Please remember that school will continue to **finish at 1.00 p.m. on Fridays**. This is to allow for staff assessment and planning time during this period of time when we are trying to reduce adults crossing between 'bubbles' of children and to prevent interruption to the flow of teaching and learning in this critical time back.

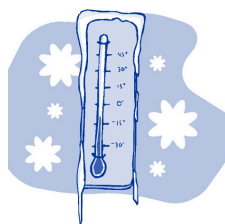
## Attendance

Term 1 Overall	94.62
Reception	92.32
Year 1	95.39
Year 2	95.55
Year 3	92.88
Year 4	94.48
Year 5	95.87
Year 6	95.88

## UNIFORM MATTERS

- As the temperature gets colder your child may benefit from wearing layers under their uniforms so that they do not get cold whilst in the classrooms. As you know we have to keep the classrooms ventilated which means open doors and windows.
- Please check that ALL items of clothing are labelled, especially outer clothing, as we have had some missing coats reported.
- Could we also remind you that plimsolls are not required for years 1-6 as they will continue to wear their outdoor shoes in class.

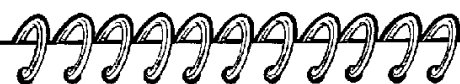
*keep warm*



## Help us to keep our School Open



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### STUDENT UPDATE FORM

Many thanks if you have already checked and returned your child's Student Data Update form.

It is a Dfe requirement that this form is checked and returned on an annual basis.

If you have not already done so please return it to school as soon as possible. If you need a copy please let the office know.