

Term 2 2nd November—18th December 2020

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for helping to keep our school community fit and well. Thanks to your support over the past three months, we seem to have made it to Christmas without needing to close any of our 'bubbles'. This has been a huge team effort and we are grateful to each of you for playing your part in this. Obviously, we need to remain vigilant over Christmas and we can anticipate further restrictions in January but together we can keep our school open!

Whilst we haven't been able to enjoy all of our usual Christmas activities and celebrations, the EYFS and KS1 teams have still managed to produce a nativity play and I know that parents of children in these year groups will soon be able to view these.

The Christmas dinner yesterday was as delicious as ever and there was a lovely festive atmosphere in the classrooms when Mrs Hardie and I visited them to serve the food. Thank you to Mrs Judd and her team for all their hard work.

We are sorry that our Home-School Link Worker, Christina, is leaving to take a different direction in her career. We wish her every happiness and success in the future. We are happy to inform you that she will be replaced by Jill Beeson who has, formerly, held the same role in St John's and BGN Schools. She will very easily slip into the role and will be very visible around school when she begins in January.

Please do remember to email me at: head.3825@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk if any of your children develop symptoms of Covid-19 after we break up for Christmas. This is very important as I am required to support the track and trace process and will need to report this and the result of any test.

Please remember that we have an INSET Day on Monday, 4th January 2021 and therefore the school will be closed to children. We look forward to welcoming you all back at the usual time of 8.40 a.m. on Tuesday 5th January, 2021.

We pray that you will all remain well over the holidays and return fit and well in January.



In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ this Christmas and my best wishes for a happier, healthier and more hopeful year in 2021.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith

Virtues for next term:

The virtues for next term are gratitude and generosity

We believe that:

If we nurture gratitude in our pupils, they will practise generosity;

Attendance

Term 2 Overall	96.18
Reception	95.49
Year 1	94.55
Year 2	94.91
Year 3	97.73
Year 4	95.50
Year 5	96.90
Year 6	98.19

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 5th January 2021 —Start of term 3
Tuesday 9th February —Parents evening
Wednesday 10th February —Parents evening
Half Term - Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February
Wednesday 31st March —End of term 4

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.

Important Notice

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.

If one of your children develops symptoms of Covid-19 on or after Tuesday 22nd December, please also email me with the details of their symptoms, the day on which their symptoms began and the result of any subsequent test.

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