

Term 3 7th January 2020 - 14th February 2020

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

There are many hopeful signs of Spring in and around the school grounds as we approach half-term, and I am particularly aware of the light now in the sky as I arrive at, and leave, school. The School Council have sown more Bee Bombs on the grassed areas on the far side of the car park and we are hoping to 'wild' this whole stretch of ground to encourage more insects and birds. I have received some very persuasive letters from the Year 1 children requesting bird feeders to encourage the birds into the school grounds and so we shall look at this as well and think about the best places for these.

We have been working hard on developing our curriculum for our two-year rolling programme. As you know the children were all looking at Civilisations before Christmas and this term we are considering the issues of Sustainability. If you are in school you might take a look at the Sustainability graffiti board in the hall which the children have been using to reflect their learning.

As you will be aware we have Parents' Evenings on 24th and 25th February, the first week back after our half-term break, so please do ensure that you have an appointment to see your child/children's class teacher/s and take this opportunity to ask more about how to support your children's development.

On Wednesday 26th March we will be celebrating Mass as this is Ash Wednesday and thus marks the start of the season of Lent. You are all welcome to attend Mass. The children do enjoy the Mass very much when parishioners and parents come along and it is great for them to see that we come together to worship as a community on these occasions.

The children are clearly aware of the news at the moment about the Coronavirus and even some of the very young children have mentioned this to staff during the course of the last couple of weeks. The government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action at home and abroad. The risk to individuals remains low. Should you wish to find the government's most recent travel advice please go to: www.gov.uk/coronavirus As I am sure you understand, whilst the risk of a serious virus like this is low, the children do pass common cold germs and tummy bug germs around amongst their friends and classmates so it would be a good time to remind the children about using a tissue, putting their hands over the mouths when they cough and washing their hands after using the toilet, before eating and after coughing or wiping their noses. Teaching our children good personal hygiene rules will help keep them fit and healthy whilst we await the warmer weather.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 25th February at the usual time of 8.40 a.m. In the meantime, enjoy the half-term break.

With my best wishes to you all,

Clare Smith

Our virtues next term:

We believe that, if we nurture **faith and hope** in our pupils, they will have the confidence to contribute positively to the communities in which they live and inspire others to be hopeful for the future;

February

Monday 24th—Start of term 4

Monday 24th 3.30—5.30 —Parents evening

Tuesday 25th 5.00—7.30 — Parents evening

Thursday 27th—Year 1 Multiskills festival

Thursday 27th —Eye tests for Reception class

March

Monday 2nd—Start of Book Week

Wednesday 4th—Author Sue Palmer to see UKS2

Thursday 5th—World Book Day

Thursday 12th—Change for Life festival year 3 & 4
TBC

Thursday 12th—NCMP Reception and Year 6

Monday 16th—Cake sale after school

Thursday 19th—LKS2 Sports Hall athletics

Thursday 19th—Netball finals at Wykham Park

Friday 20th—Mothers' Day Lunch

Saturday 28th—Big Spring Clean

Tuesday 31st at 1.30—LKS2 play for parents

April

Wednesday 1st—LKS2 play for parents

Friday 3rd at 3.00pm—End of term 4

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for Term 3 - 95.92%

Number of lates	63
Reception	91.81
Year 1	96.65
Year 2	96.36
Year 3	92.71
Year 4	98.37
Year 5	97.86
Year 6	97.65



Cake sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the FUNdraising team by either donating or buying cakes . A grand total of £73 was raised.

Driving onto school premises



We are still having parents and carers driving onto school premises both in the morning and at pickup times. The carpark is for staff and visitors to the school only. If you drive to school please park responsibly outside or use the church car park which is both safe and convenient.

Thank you for your cooperation in this issue which is for the safety of our children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please take the opportunity over half term to check your child's uniform especially checking that their plimsolls still fit and that ALL articles of clothing are named.



Please note also that trousers should be grey or charcoal for both boys and girls.

