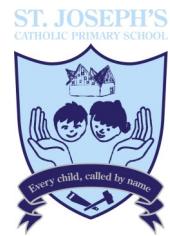


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Term 4 20th February—29th March 2018

TERM 4 STARTS: Monday 16th April at 8.40am

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Easter play this year has been particularly special because the children have written the play themselves! The singing has been beautiful – very moving – and the children have taken enormous pride in their work and in making directorial decisions. It is so inspiring to see what the children can achieve and also to watch them grow into their roles as they rehearse. I would like to thank Miss Wortley and Miss Balcombe and their teams for all their hard work and for the inventiveness behind the props – especially our gorgeous donkey!

There is a common saying about March: "In like a lion, out like a lamb." I certainly hope that we have seen the last of the snow and can begin to look forward to some warmer and brighter weather. You will have noticed that the front of the school has been planted up. This garden area was created by a hard-working team on Saturday 24th March, our Big Spring Clean day, and much effort and thought went into it. Please make sure that your children do not run over the planted areas. If they do so the soil will become very compacted again and the plants will be damaged. I am sure you will all agree that the school looks so much nicer with this little garden at the front and we hope to add to it over time with something of interest in it in all seasons.

You should also have received a first copy of the St Joseph's Journal. This is our new school newspaper which a group of children have put together under the careful tutelage of Miss Wortley. We have also posted a copy on the school website and we would urge you to read it to find out about many of the active learning events that we have enjoyed this term.

Our Easter egg art competition entries have now been judged – congratulations to the winners from each year group. You can see the high standard of entry from the photographs included here.



Please do take the time to read through all of the housekeeping sections in the newsletter, particularly with regard to ParentPay.

We have included the times of the Easter Masses and Services in the Parish of St Joseph's and St John's and I would urge you please to observe Holy Week with your children and to experience the Easter story with them in the beautiful liturgy of the Triduum.

On behalf of my colleagues and the Academy Committee members I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Smith

Easter Liturgy Times 2018

St John the Evangelist

Maundy Thurs - 29th March
7.30 p.m. - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday - 30th March
3.00 p.m. - *Passion and death of the Lord*

Holy Saturday - 31st March
8.30 p.m. - *Easter Vigil Mass*

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Dates for the Diary

Mon 16th April at 8.40 — Term 5 starts	Fri 25th May at 3.00 pm —End of term 5
Fri 20th April—NCMP Reception and Year 6	Mon 4th June—Term 6 starts
Thur 3rd May—Sunflower planting workshop for Nursery	Thur 7th June—Mass with Confirmation
Thur 3rd May—Year 5 Kwik cricket festival at Banbury Cricket Club	Fri 8th June—First Holy Communion session for parents and children
Mon 7th May—May Day Bank holiday— SCHOOL CLOSED	Fri 15th June—Year 4 Planting in the Park
Thur 10th May-Ascension Day Mass and Picnic—TBC	Sat 16th June—First Holy Communion
Mon 14th—SATS week	Fri 22nd June—Year 5 Science Day at BGN
Fri 18th May—Session for confirmation candidates and parents	Thur 28th June—Reception eye tests
Tue 22nd May—Group photographs	Mon 2-Thur 5 July -BGN Transition
Wed 23rd —Fri 25th May—Year 6 residential trip	Fri 13th July—Sports Day
Wed 23rd May—Good Shepherd Mass, Corpus Christi, Headington	Tues 17th Jul at 6.30—UKS2 Performance
Thur 24th—Quadkids athletics tournament Year groups TBC	Wed 18th July at 1.30—UKS2 Performance
	Fri 20th July at 1.00 pm End of Term 6



Spring Term Attendance Champions Year 3



Attendance for Spring Term

Term 4 Overall	96.76
Number of lates	103
Reception	96.18
Year 1	95.55
Year 2	97.17
Year 3	98.39
Year 4	96.63
Year 5	96.62
Year 6	96.32

ParentPay - our new online payment service

Thank you to all parents and carers who have activated their ParentPay accounts. We have 62% of pupils accounts activated so far with feedback being very positive. ParentPay makes it easy to see what your balance is for school meals, trips and other payment items. We are aiming to be a cashless school from September 2018.



If you have not yet activated your account or need any assistance

Next term we will be practising being grateful and generous because we believe that:

if we nurture gratitude in our pupils, they will practise generosity

The Joy of Food

Eating for pleasure.....Cooking for health



We would like to invite you to be one of 6 parents to attend our cookery course running at St- Josephs Primary School.

We have a trained facilitator coming to run the course who will support you in:

- Planning your meals
- Cooking on a budget
- Cooking for fussy eaters
- Trying new foods
- Creating some quick and easy dishes each week

The course will run for an hour and a half each week for five weeks from Tuesday 24th April 2018, from 13:30 to 15:00.

We will be using the main school kitchen.

We ask for a small donation towards the cost of the ingredients of £2.00 each week. The foods you make you will be able to take home with you to try out with your family, so remember to bring a container each week. You will receive copies of the recipes you make and at the end of the course you will receive a cookery book containing all the recipes and information you have learnt on the course.

If you would like to book onto this course or would like more information please let me know by phone or Text-

Christina Howkins-Griffiths 07912480893

Or pop into the school reception.