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Spring 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Class Letters and Spring 2019 Curriculum

All information for parents/carers in regards to the Spring Curriculum for each class will be on the Website by Friday 18th January at the latest. Also on the Website will be the RE overviews for the term and the RE newsletter.

Parish and School Mission Week 1st April 2019 'Unbroken'

Later this term we embark on our Mission week with the theme of 'Unbroken'. There will be various activities planned during the week which parents and members of the parish will be invited to. There will be further information available in regards to this later in the term.

Fundraising

Thank you for all your support in the various fundraising events from last term. We especially thank you for the money raised for the Christmas Fayre which was over £1,000. This is twice as much as was raised last year. May I thank 'The Friends of St Joseph' for all their help in supporting this event and I am sure they would also like to thank all who attended.

Attendance and Unauthorised Holidays

Whole school attendance figures for the Autumn Term are very positive. Overall attendance was at 96.3 % at the end of term which is an improvement on last year which was 94.1 %. The percentage is presently just higher than national which is exactly where we want to be. Now we need to maintain this figure or, even better, hit our target of 97%. The classes continue to enjoy earning money for their piggy banks with Year 4 having the most at the moment at £82. Well done Y4!

Individual Class Autumn Term 2018 Attendance

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	95.7%	95.4%	96.7%	97.7%	96.1%	97.1%

Information regarding procedures for applying for Leave of Absence is on our website, in the 'Policies' and 'About Us' folders. It is important that parents are familiar with this as unauthorised absences may now incur a penalty notice.

Please can I also remind parents/carers that, for safeguarding reasons, if your child is absent from school you **must contact** the office before 9.30 am **everyday** that they are absent.

Homework

Due to the positive response from many parents and pupils in regards to the changes to the setting of homework across the school, this will continue. There was lots of wonderful work and activities completed last term. Please can I remind you that the number facts, times tables and spellings are a non-negotiable and the pupils must learn them weekly. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dates for the Term

These are the dates for this term, there will be further information to follow in order to clarify some activities. The dates are also displayed on calendar on the website and on the notice board.

Monday 14 th January-Friday 25 th January	Year 4 Swimming Fortnight
Tuesday 15 th January	Year 5 Assembly 9.15 am-Parents Welcome
Week Beginning 4 th February	Islam Week
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day-'Together for a Better Internet'
Tuesday 5 th February	Theatre Company in school 'The Selfish Giant'
Thursday 14 th February	9.00 am Early Years and KS1 Parents Information Morning
18 th -22 nd February	Half Term
Monday 25 th February	P.D.Day -School closed for pupils
Wednesday 27 th February	Year 4 Library Trip
Friday 1 st March	Year 6 Informed about Secondary Places
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass in church 9.15 am-Parents Welcome
Wednesday 6 th March	Parent's Evenings
Thursday 7 th March	Information to follow
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Information to follow
Tuesday 12 th March	9.15 Year 1 Assembly-Parents Welcome
Wednesday 13 th March	PM KS1 Snappy Spring Music Information to follow
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day
Thursday 21 st March	Book Bus Information to Follow
Week Beginning 25 th March	Start collections for Easter Egg Raffle
Tuesday 26 th March	9.15 Year 2 Assembly -9.15 Parents Welcome
Week Beginning 1 st April	Parish and School Mission Week 'Unbroken' Information to follow
Tuesday 9 th April	CAFOD Fundraising-Soak the Teacher
Wednesday 10 th April	9.15 Reception and Year 1 Easter Liturgy 2.00 PM Year 2- Year 6 Easter Service Parents welcome to both
Thursday 11 th April	9.00 Achievement Assembly
Monday 15 th April-Friday 26 th April	School closed for Easter Holidays

There will also be a number of sporting events this term. The pupils involved will be informed individually as they occur.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that we have an open door policy at St Joseph's. If you wish to discuss a matter with a class teacher or myself please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Mrs Morgan or Mrs Swainston in the office.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs R. Whyte

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