

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter No. 25 – Summer Term

Friday 20th April 2018

Welcome back to all our families after what I hope was a restful and refreshing break over Easter. I am sorry not to have been in school to welcome you all personally, as I have been unwell this week, but look forward very much to seeing you all in the week to come!

A special welcome to our two new starters, Jayden and Martin, and to Estrella, whom it is a delight to welcome back to St Joseph's after an absence abroad.

Eggmobile Fun

As I write, it has been an exciting morning, which I am sorry to have missed. Thank you for supporting your children with this challenge. I understand there were many creative and speedy examples on display. Congratulations to the following children who won prizes for the fastest, most beautiful and most imaginative eggmobiles. Thank you to our visiting judge, Sue Fitzharris, one of our school governors, for her expert judging and fun contribution to the morning's events.

Class	Furthest Distance Eggmobile	Most Beautiful Eggmobile	Most Imaginative Eggmobile	Religious Themed Hat	Most Creative Hat
Nursery	Franco	Talia	Sophie	Talia	Chelsea
Reception	Sienna & Liv	Danny	Sophia	Maggie	Danny
Year 1	Diego	Queenie	Jace	-	Olivia
Year 2	Joshua	Beau	Harriet	Elnathan	Romain
Year 3	Santino & Edom	Ellana	Luca	-	Scarlett
Year 4	Noah, Zak & Cameron	Victoria	Miguel	-	Oliver
Year 5	Jayden	Drew	Sylvia	Sameera	Frankie
Year 6	Alexander	Harry	Adriel	Blanca	Clemence



Prizes will be awarded on Monday, due to the hot weather and the nature of the prize!

Attendance and Punctuality (19th to 29th March 2018)

This week we are giving attendance figures for the last two weeks of the Spring Term, as there was no newsletter on the very last week. Year 3 had the highest percentage of present marks with 98.8% so well done to them.

In the same period there was a total of 41 late marks recorded over the nine days. Children should be READY TO LEARN at 9 am when the register is taken. You must therefore aim to arrive as close as possible to 8.45 am. Thank you.

Please can we stress, as always, the negative impact that absence has on your children's learning. With the holiday season approaching, be sure to check term dates and book outside of term-time, as absence for a holiday will not be authorised.

Attendance Prizes

Well done to Oliver and Ivy, who were the lucky recipients of Cineworld vouchers, for their excellent attendance to date.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	96.3%
Reception	94.1%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	97.2%



Coffee Morning



Parent Coffee Mornings

Don't forget that there is an opportunity to get together for a cup of tea or coffee every Thursday morning from 9 – 10 am in the hall. The idea is to use this as a chance to pool ideas and plan for some exciting fund raising and community events in the coming months, as well as to give parents a chance to meet and share a moment together.

After School Activities

Our after school clubs will start NEXT week. Payment must be made by the second session. There are still some places available both in KS2 Lego and with Reading for Fun (Years 1 & 2)

Payment can only be made through ParentPay, as we aim to be completely cashless by September 2018. If you have to pay in cash, this can be done at local newsagents displaying the PayPoint sign, with a bar coded letter that the office can provide for you.



PGL – Year 6

Can you please make a payment for PGL if you have an outstanding amount, as this trip is fast approaching.



If you have any of the green envelopes for our Lenten CAFOD Appeal at home, please drop some change into them and bring them into school, so that we can pass on our donation shortly. Thank you.

Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who were commended or their excellent work, efforts or behaviour, at the end of last term:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Neo for his amazing efforts to sound out 3 letter words and copy letters from those words.	Elizabeth for demonstrating great confidence in counting objects and matching to the corresponding numerals. Well done!		
Reception	Harry for choosing to write his own made up question and answer!	Natan for always trying his best to make the right choices!	Megan	
Year 1	Georgie for taking his time with his work- saying his idea before writing it!	Ivy for being a wonderful member of Tiger class, always working hard, listening well and doing the right thing!	Kai	
Year 2	Tony-Michael for his fantastic letter to the Greggs, persuading them not to go hunting.	Sam for his detailed answers during reading time.	Khairantun	Harry for always helping others to tidy up.
Year 3	Henry – for a amazing effort and perseverance when writing in role as the Iron Giant.	All of year 3 – for improved behaviour in general but especially during swimming.	Edom	James for including others in table tennis games
Year 4	Julia for always ticking off her plan as she writes.	Abel for trying so hard in every subject and with his English.	Olivia	
Year 5	Angelo for really thinking about how to capture the reader's interest and maintain their interest right to the very end.	Nellie for showing fantastic confidence in her work.	Eddie	
Year 6	Noyze for using ambitious vocabulary in her writing	Megan for scoring 40 out of 40 seven times in a row in her practice Arithmetic tests.	Marley	Aaron for including others in table tennis games

Building Fund Update

Work has now begun in earnest to build our new Early Years classroom, where our new Nursery entrants will be able to enjoy in September 2018. The scaffolding is there to allow access for building materials via a hoist and gantry, so there is no need for access through the school.



This will be immediately followed by works inside the school, to provide a new, larger kitchen where our current nursery classroom is sited. The playground infill will then follow.



We are working hard to access further funding for the final phase of the project, for which we will have to submit a new capital bid to the Diocese in the Autumn, having been unsuccessful on the last occasion. We will be looking carefully at major fundraising efforts in the coming months, in order to achieve the final goal of a new secure entrance for the school.

Any contribution you can make to our Building Fund (via ParentPay) will help to make a difference to the project and will be used towards final improvements to the playground, furnishings etc. As we start the new term, please consider a contribution for the Summer Term. If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to complete a Gift Aid form at the office.

**If you have corporate contacts you think may be able to help, please get in touch with us.
Thank you!**

Dates for the Diary

Below is an initial list of the known events for this term. I am sure we will be adding to it as the weeks go by:

Summer Term 2018	
Monday 30 th April 2018	Personal Safety Talk – Year 4
Monday 7 th May 2018	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 10 th May 2018	School Mass for Ascension Day
Friday 11 th May 2018	Scooter Training – Year 2
w/c Monday 14 th May 2018	KS2 SATs – Year 6
Thursday 17 th May to Tuesday 22 nd May	Bookfair
Thursday 17 th May 2018	Young Women's Sports Day – Years 3 & 4
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018	HALF-TERM break
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Class Photographs
Thursday 21 st June 2018	Workshop for Year 2 – Who to ask for help?
Friday 29 th June to Monday 2 nd July 2018	PGL School Journey – Year 6
w/c 2 nd July 2018	Sports Week (TBC)
Wednesday 11 th July 2108	Sports Day
w/c Monday 16 th July 2108	Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition
Friday 20 th July 2018	Term ends at 1.15 pm
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Children return to school

Wishing you all a good weekend in the sunshine!

Kind regards,

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