

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,
Newsletter No. 14 – Spring Term

Friday 1st February 2019

Road Closure – Macklin Street

We are happy to report that the two damaged bollards have finally been replaced, so the road closure is now properly operational again at the top of Macklin Street, from 8.30 to 9.15 am and again from 3.15 to 4 pm. Do continue to take care at these times, however, as motorbikes often disregard the closure, despite everyone's best efforts.



Coffee Mornings and Prayers – 14th February - CARITAS

Our next Parent Prayer meeting for parents will be on Thursday 14th February at 9 am. This will be followed by a presentation from the organisation 'Caritas' whose aim is to "End poverty, promote justice and restore dignity." They will be working with the children in assemblies and workshops over the next couple of months so it will be so helpful for parents to have an understanding of their work, in order to support the children's learning around the themes of social justice and the common good.



Cake Sale – Also on 14th February! Everyone is welcome to support our annual fundraiser for Valentine's Day, when the children are also invited to **dress in red or pink to celebrate**. The sale will take place at the end of the afternoon and, weather permitting, we will set up outside. Put the date in your diaries now! The children will be choosing which charity to support on this day.

Family Prayer Afternoons

Year 2 will host the family prayer afternoon today so thank you in advance for those of you that will have attended.

Year 1 have booked in their prayer afternoon for Friday 1st March 2019 from 2.45 to 3.30 pm. We are delighted to see the success of these events, which help to strengthen and develop our prayer life and family links.

Pope Francis Tweet

This week the Pope reminds us to hand over the direction of our life to the Lord, allowing him to steer us on the right paths:



... Invite Jesus on board; the helm of life should be given to Him, so that He can direct the route.

Whole School RE Homework – to be completed by Friday 15th February, before half-term

Today is the feast day of St Bridget. Please can the children be supported in researching her life and faith so we can all learn about her together.

PGL – Year 6 and Year 5

Year 6 parents will have received reminders that the next payment for PGL is due in February before the half-term break. Please make your payments via ParentPay.

As mentioned previously, our current **Year 5** children will be making their school journey at the start of Year 6. We can confirm that the dates for this will be **Friday 20th September to Monday 23rd September 2019**. Letters will be sent out next week and deposits will be requested by Friday 1st March in order to secure the booking. The PGL experience will be a fantastic way for the children to embark on their final year at St Joseph's.



Building Fund

If you are able, don't forget to make a regular termly contribution to our Building Fund, which will help enormously towards the final phase of our project. Since we relaunched this fund in September 2017, parents have donated a total of £3,435.10, so our thanks go out to all who have contributed; please keep your donations coming in.

If you have any corporate contacts which may be useful in this area, please contact Mrs Blanchfield.

February Half-Term Football

In addition to the play scheme information in our last newsletter, we would also like to let parents know about the football courses available at half-term at Bloomsbury Football Academy. Details are available at: www.bloomsburyfa.com.



Dates and Events

Term dates for Spring and Summer 2019 are repeated below. Once again we would urge you not book any holidays or time away during term time, as absence will only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances. We will shortly be sending out dates for 2019 -20. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher



Spring Term 2019 (29 + 29 = 58 days)

Monday 7 January	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 8 January	Children start school
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February	Half Term
Monday 25 February	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 26 February	Children start school
Friday 5 April	Last day of term

Summer Term 2019 (23 + 36 = 59 days)

Tuesday 23 April	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 24 April	Children start school
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	Children start school
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of term

STAFF INSET DAYS (5)

Monday 3 September 2018
Monday 29 October 2018
Monday 7 January 2019
Monday 25 February 2019
Tuesday 23 April 2019

Public Holidays Spring and Summer 2019

Good Friday
Easter Monday
May Day
Spring Bank Holiday
August Bank Holiday
Friday 19 April
Monday 22 April
Monday 6 May
Monday 27 May
Monday 26 August