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## **End of the Spring Term....**

### **Lenten Liturgy**

On Wednesday morning we gathered together to be reminded of our Lenten promises, to pray together and to continue to prepare for the Easter celebrations to come.

### **Easter Garden Liturgy**

On our return to school we will build our Easter Garden and recall the Easter story and the joyous message that 'Jesus is alive'.



May I wish all our families a joyous and restful Easter.  
On behalf of Mrs Taylor and all the staff at St Joseph's.

### **SUN HATS, SUN CREAM & WATER BOTTLES**

As the weather improves after the Easter break please ensure that your child has a named sun hat with them at school and a spare drink of plain water in a named bottle.

We actively encourage children to protect themselves from the harmful rays of the sun. If you need to send a sun product in with your child, they will be asked to apply it themselves under the supervision of staff.

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

Children are able to wear the summer uniform as the weather gets warmer in the Summer term. Please ensure all items are named. The Summer uniform is as follows:

Blue check dress or blue check culotte dress, school cardigan or jumper

Grey shorts or trousers, white polo shirt or short sleeved white collared shirt. - no tie.

Further information about school uniform is available on the school website.

<https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Uniform/>

### **WELL DONE – THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL 2022**

We enjoyed a very busy week to celebrate The Big Walk and Wheel 2022 with many fun activities in school. The children had great fun taking part in the '**Scootability**' workshops and learned how to ride a scooter safely and confidently.

We are very pleased to announce that St Joseph's regional position in the **five-day Big Walk and Wheel challenge** was 69<sup>th</sup> out of 121 small primary schools in the South East. Overall national results are yet to be confirmed. We also recorded 458 active journeys during the challenge - which included those children who cycled, scooted or walked to school, as well as children who took part in 30 minutes physical activity during the 'Scootability' Challenge. Well done everyone!



### **JEWELLERY**

We have noticed an increase in the number of children wearing earrings at school. This is becoming increasingly time consuming to monitor and address. We therefore strongly ask that you remove/tape your child's earrings before they attend school each day. We will be reviewing our earring and jewellery policy next term.

### **STAFF NEWS**

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our teaching assistant team – Miss Puntel Favero and Mrs Patella – who will be working in classes on a Thursday and Friday.

### **PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES**

At this time of year we ask parents to complete various questionnaires asking for views of the school. We very much welcome your feedback and your views as they are very important to us. We will soon be sending out questionnaires and we hope that we will be able to do some of these electronically as many parents have indicated that this is an easier way to complete them.

Please look out for further information early next term.

### **Thank You to Tesco, Tring Road**

We are incredibly grateful to Tring Road Tesco and the wonderful community link staff who have provided donations of goods to support school activities. We have received playdough ingredients, cereals for the Breakfast Club, items for raffles and items for craft activities.



### **UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL - CAFOD**

A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity and kindness in supporting the CAFOD Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

We raised an amazing £790.

Please keep all families affected by conflict in your prayers.

If you are wishing to make donations of items we are unfortunately unable to collect these items at school. Please check the local press for collection points in the Aylesbury area.

### **PARKING**

We have been delighted to have been visited twice this term by the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to discuss travel and parking issues. He met with the St Joseph's Guardians (school council) and they were able to talk to him about safety issues and the work of the school. He was very impressed with our children and the questions they asked, and their passion for making our world a safer place. You can help too by remembering the following:

- Do not park over driveways, on corners or close to junctions
- Be considerate and polite to each other
- Keep routes clear for emergency vehicles
- For the safety of pedestrians do not turn, drive or park on pavements
- Take notice of the No Turning sign in Hazell Avenue

We are trying our hardest to encourage our families to keep our children safe and set a good example.

We pride ourselves in the ethos of the school where everyone is special and treated with respect. We would like to hope that this ethos would be felt by the local community too.

### **SCA SPRING FAYRE**

Please look out for further information from the SCA regarding the SCA Spring Fayre to be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

## **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

As parents are aware, regular and punctual attendance at school is important and a legal requirement. Parents are reminded of their responsibility to ensure their child attends school during term time and for the designated school hours. A good education helps give each child a good start in life and poor attendance can reduce a child's achievement at school.

Taking children out of school, collecting early, or dropping off late is hugely disruptive to children's education and impacts on the smooth running of the school and classes. This has an impact on everyone.

The St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has asked us to share the information below with our parents:

### ***Choral Director, 2 year fixed term contract***

*We are currently looking to recruit an outstanding Choral Director to help deliver the work of a new Singing Programme in diocesan schools, including in-class singing sessions, and both establishing and directing after-school choirs. The Singing Programme forms part of the National Schools Singing Programme, founded, and supported by the Hamish Ogston Foundation. The salary of this post has been funded for the first two years.*

*The Choral Director will also work closely with others to contribute to the vision for liturgical music across the Diocese with particular emphasis on the Cathedral located in Northampton.*

*For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Collette Curtis, Director of School Development via email on [collette.curtis@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:collette.curtis@northamptondiocese.org)*

*Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>*

*The closing date for applications is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Interviews will take place on week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> April.*

## **TERM DATES 2022**

### **ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL**

**Please note School and Pre-School dates may differ slightly**

	<b>Open on morning of:</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July (School)</u> <u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July (Pre-School)</u>
<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Pre-School date to be confirmed

**FUTURE INSET DAYS 2021/22**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

More information about current term dates and future Buckinghamshire Council term dates can be found on the school website (Key Information >Term Dates).