

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish Newsletter

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Spring Term
Friday 24th March 2017

Dates for your diary

Thursday 30th March - break-up for Easter Holiday normal time 3.20pm.

***Friday 31st March Inset day** - school will be closed. We will be using this day for parent teacher meetings.

Tuesday 18th April - return to school normal time 8.50am.

Mother's Day Prayer

May God reward you
for the many ways you love—
for choosing wisely
for accepting openly,
for giving freely,
and for teaching, encouraging,
and reprimanding patiently.
May Mary make your
memories joyful as you
keep them in your heart,
and may she gain for you every
blessing from Jesus, her Son.
Amen



Saturday 25th March
British Summer Time
begins. 1 hour forward

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is funding granted to support the educational experiences of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals. It is extremely important for families who are entitled to Free School Meals to complete the forms and receive the funding for their child. We are happy to help complete the form necessary and post it. A form can be obtained from the office. Many thanks.

The Big Pedal

This week St Joseph's took part in The Big Pedal Competition and we had a wonderful response from the children who rode their bikes and scooters to school. On Thursday 54 pupils on scooters and bikes enjoyed a "Big Biker Breakfast". Well done to all the children who were able to take part and thank you to parents for your support.



This week we celebrated St. Joseph's day. A group of children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 created and performed a play about the life of St. Joseph and why this is a special day for us as a school. We also attended Mass as a whole school to celebrate this special day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

365 DAYS IN A YEAR	190 SCHOOL DAYS IN TOTAL	ABSENCE
100% Attendance	190 Days	0
95% Attendance	180 Days	2 Weeks
90% Attendance	171 Days	4 Weeks
85% Attendance	161 Days	6 weeks
80% Attendance	152 Days	More than a half a term
75% Attendance	143 Days	9 + Days

Understanding Types of Absence

Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school as either **AUTHORISED** or **UNAUTHORISED**. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required, preferably in writing. Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason like illness, medical/dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable cause. Please note that under no circumstances will children be allowed out of school by themselves during school hours. They must be collected from the school office for any medical appointments.

Telephone the school immediately on the 1st day that your child is too ill to attend and follow it up with a letter upon your child's return. The school will text/ring if they do not hear from you.

St. Joseph's Primary School Holiday dates for 2016-2017

Break up	Return
Friday 31st March – Parent Consultation day (details of appointment times to follow)	
Easter Summer term Monday 3 rd April	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1 st May	
Half Term Friday 26 th May Summer Tuesday 18 th July 2017	Monday 5 th June 2017

Rainbow bench



24th March 2017

Rec - Ray-Leigh, Piero, Alice, Sorayah

Year 1 - Year 1 on school trip to Aquarium

Year 2 - Abbie-Kya, Blessing, Max, Jullian

Year 3 - Rossy, David, Harper, Raymond

Year 4 - Winnie, Suhayr, Joel O, Cyna

Year 5 - Savannah, Ethan, Lydia, Esosa

Year 6- Cordae, Oskar, Arnaud, William

WELL DONE!

Attendance Winners
13th - 17th March 2017

Year 6 99.7%

2nd Y5 - 98.6%

3rd Y2 - 97.3%

4th YR- 97.0%

5th Y3 - 93.0%

6th Y1 - 91.3%

7th Y4 - 91.0%