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Friday, 18 February 2022

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of another busy half term. I just wanted to provide some updates as the school prepares to close.

Staff and Pupil Absence

As anticipated, we have had to manage staff and pupil absence as a result of Covid since re-opening in January. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children's education is not disrupted. I am pleased that we have maintained a good standard of teaching and learning even when numbers of staff have been stretched. It is testimony to the strength and resilience of the school that we have been able to do this. I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and professionalism throughout this period.

Staffing update

Last Friday we said goodbye to Miss Churchill who left to take up a post in specialist provision. Miss Churchill has been at St Joseph the Worker for the past six years and has supported many children in the Early Years Foundation Stage during this time. We are very grateful for her contribution and wish her every success as she embarks on a new chapter in her career.

We wish Miss Coleman every happiness as she embarks on a period of maternity absence. Miss Coleman has been supporting teaching and learning across the school over the past term. We look forward to meeting her new arrival and wish her well.

Next term we welcome Miss Boylan to the teaching team. Miss Boylan will be teaching in year 1 to allow Mrs Jessop to take on additional leadership responsibilities in her capacity as Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Jessop will continue to lead Key Stage 1 and oversee provision in year 1.

Isolation Periods

We are aware of reports suggesting that isolation rules will end later this month. The pandemic has shown that the headlines do not always match the finer details included in the statutory guidance issued to schools. Once we receive an up-date we will communicate the key messages to our families.



Behaviour before and after school

Unfortunately, in recent weeks staff have had to intervene in incidents of misbehaviour before and after school. Please can I remind parents that they must closely supervise their children in the playground at these times. The children know that it is not acceptable to hurt one-another and I am seeking your support in ensuring that this does not happen when staff are not present.

Pancake Race

On Tuesday 1st March children will be participating in pancake races in order to raise money for Caritas Salford. Caritas support many vulnerable children and families across the city in many different ways. Pancakes and frying pans will be provided for the children, all we ask is that they bring a £1 donation.

Reopening

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school on **Tuesday 1st March.** We have another action-packed term as we head towards Easter I am reattaching key dates for your diary.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and we thank you for your continued support in the life of the school.

Best wishes



E Clayton
Headteacher





St Joseph the Worker – Spring Diary Dates 2022

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 28 th February | School Closed INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 1 st March | School opens at 8.50am / 8.55am |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Pancake Race in support of CARITAS, £1 donation |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | 9.00am: Ash Wednesday service |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | Y6 'Chemistry with Cabbage' science workshop |
| Thursday 3 rd March | World Book Day – A book character costume! Please bring £1 contribution for school fund to go towards the prizes for the winners of each class. |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Book Swap – more information to follow |
| Monday 7 th March | Years 1 – 4 visits to Irlam library |
| Thursday 10 th March | Year 5 and 6 visits to Irlam library |
| Friday 11 th March | Walk for Hunger in support of CAFOD |
| 14 th – 18 th March | British Science Week |
| Monday 14 th March | Mars Planet Day |
| Thursday 17 th March | St Patrick's Day Coffee Morning, 8.30am in the school hall |
| Friday 18 th March | St Patrick's Day Assembly |
| Monday 21 st March | World Poetry Day |
| w/c 21 st March | Parents Evenings |
| Wednesday 25 th March | Y6 Crucial Crew trip |
| Friday 25 th March | Mother's Day Assembly led by Year 1 |
| Thurs 31 st March | School Photographs |
| Friday 1 st April | PTFA Non-uniform day for Easter Egg donation |
| Monday 4 th April | Easter Bingo during the school day for children |
| w/c 4 th April | Community Garden Week |
| Friday 8 th April | 2.00pm: EYFS Spring / Palm Sunday Assembly |
| Friday 8 th April | Easter Gardens in school |
| w/c 11 th April | Holy Week |
| Tuesday 12 th April | 9:00am: EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 2.00pm: Y3-4 Easter Reflection |
| Weds 13 th April | School Closes at the earlier time 1:30pm |
| We return to school on Monday 25th April at 8:55am | |

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