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29th March 2018

Dear Parents and carers,

As we finish for the Easter holiday, I am writing to you to keep you informed of progress during the spring term.

We are well underway towards achieving the improvements set out in our School Development Plan (SDP). For 2017-2018 these are:

Priority 1 : To ensure that outcomes for all children are outstanding.

Priority 2 : To ensure that the quality of teaching, learning and assessment throughout the school are outstanding.

Priority 3 : To ensure that the effectiveness of leadership and management are outstanding.

Priority 4 : To ensure that personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Priority 5 : To ensure that provision for Catholic life, Religious Education and Collective Worship are outstanding

Successes this term have included online safety assemblies and workshops; healthy eating, hand hygiene and dental health workshops; lion and dragon dances to celebrate Chinese new year; parents and families reading with their children on Book Day and Book Fair Week; Ash Wednesday service; every child in school made a pancake to commemorate Shrove Tuesday; fund raising for CAFOD; mass for St Joseph's day with a treat for everyone; class assemblies led by Year 5 and Year 4 children; trips to Pizza Express and the Catholic Cathedral; and training for staff, children, governors and parents in staying safe and lockdown procedures provided by ICE CATS.

Sporting successes have included St Joseph's winning the Knowsley gymnastics competition, then going on to compete in the Merseyside Gymnastics Finals. Our football team came 2nd in the league, only coming second due to the top team having previously beaten us. We now go through to the Knowsley finals. We have also had judo, netball and multi sports clubs and outdoor activities on the field.

Staff training has focused on maths, writing, reading, online safety, foundation subjects, religious education (RE), safeguarding, science, epilepsy awareness, collective worship, data, autistic spectrum condition (ASC), Forest School, music, food hygiene, first aid, Special Educational Needs and Disability, Physical Education, road safety, moderation and leadership.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed towards the Archdiocese Building Fund (Levy). The next plans are to provide cloakroom storage units for our classes.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families of children here at St. Joseph's. I have been delighted by the level of support that you have shown again this term. I was especially grateful for the contributions towards the book fair, which generated much needed funds for books for our children. You also made donations of £265 for CAFOD. Thank you for your positive responses to our Religious Education questionnaire, the results from this will be shared with you during the summer term. We are always grateful for your feedback as it helps us to progress as a school.

Furthermore, a reminder that girls can wear a pale blue gingham check summer dress (not a gingham bottom half and white top half) with a grey school cardigan, white socks and black school shoes. Girls can wear their winter uniform throughout the year. Boys' uniform remains the same.

When we return to school, on Wednesday 11th April, we welcome Miss Webster, who will be teaching Year 4 pupils with Mrs McCarten and continuing when Mrs McCarten is on maternity leave. We send our love and best wishes to Mrs McCarten and her family and wish Miss Webster every success in her career at St Joseph's.

With this letter, you will receive a colouring competition entry to colour the crucifix in celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. One winner from the Infants and one from the Juniors will be selected from all entries handed in to your child's teacher on Wednesday 11th April. The prizes will be awarded on Friday 13th April during assembly.

Yours Sincerely,

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"Easter is a feast of hope, a celebration of God's mercy and a call to pray for and assist all who suffer." Pope Francis

