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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 2018-2019 these are:

- 1. To bring about the best possible outcomes for all children.**
- 2. To ensure that the quality of teaching, learning and assessment are effective in ensuring the best possible outcomes for all children.**
- 3. To ensure that leadership and management are highly effective.**
- 4. To ensure that personal development, behaviour and welfare are effectively supported and developed.**
- 5. To ensure that provision for Catholic life, Religious Education and Collective Worship is highly effective.**

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; mass for St Joseph's day with a treat for everyone; Safer Internet Day; Holocaust Memorial Day; International Women's Day; Autism Awareness Week; NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops; class assemblies led by Reception Class and Year 3 children; whole school anti-bullying play; and birds of prey visiting our school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. We have also begun work to improve what we do to support the wellbeing of pupils and staff.

Sporting successes have included St Joseph's coming second the Knowsley gymnastics competition. Our football team came 1st in the league, the first time this has happened in 22 years! We have competed at netball, boccia and cross country. We have also had judo and multi sports clubs. Furthermore, after the Easter break will have a morning archery club for Key Stage 2 pupils.

Staff training has focused on maths, Religious Education, writing, reading, SMART TVs, foundation subjects, learning objectives, intimate care, reviewing school strengths and areas for development, marking and feedback, leadership, special educational needs and disability (SEND), and wellbeing.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed towards the Archdiocese Building Fund (Levy). The next plans are to decorate classrooms for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Furthermore, after the Easter break, all classrooms will have new SMART TVs installed and ready to use.

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. Thank you for your positive responses to our 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 Tuesday 23rd April, we will be commemorating St George's Day with children wearing something red (tie, socks, hair ribbons etc) and a lunch menu featuring traditional English food.

I look forward to seeing the children from 8:40am, ready to start school at 8:50am.

Enjoy a peaceful and relaxing break everyone.

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

