

# St. Joseph's

## Catholic Primary School



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of the Spring Term; two thirds of the way through the academic year. School life is always fast paced and the final term of the academic year is set to be a very busy one.

I must remind parents that absences due to holidays will not be authorised and a fixed penalty notice may be issued by Cheshire West and Chester for such absences. Children struggle to catch up with the learning that they have missed when they are absent from school. Where a child is absent due to illness, we will always endeavor to try and support in filling the gaps. However, we will not provide work, additional reading books or such like for children who are absent from school due to a holiday. Please support your child's education and plan your family holidays outside of school term time. We are very grateful for your commitment and support.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our 'Eco Fair' on Tuesday. All of the items on sale were made by the children and were environmentally friendly; made from recyclable materials or made from recycled items. We raised a brilliant £300 which will be used to enhance school resources. Thank you to Mrs King for coordinating the event and to all of the staff who gave up their time to support the fair.

Please can I ask that all parents and carers sign up to School Gateway to help reduce our costs relating to communications and payments. Currently only 80% of parents are signed up and only 62% are using the School Gateway app. The app makes consenting for events and payments to school so much simpler. If you need any help in getting set up on School Gateway or on the app, please speak to a member of the admin team.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter holiday. I hope that you are able to spend quality time with those that you love and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,  
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