

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have come to the end of the Spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making me feel so welcome and for the continued support that you have shown to myself as well as to the teachers at St Joseph's. It certainly feels like a family community. I am very much looking forward to the Summer term. Once again, on behalf of the school community – thank you!

This week is National Autism Acceptance Week

We have watched some powerful videos and discussed how differently we all view and experience the world. The children have made some insightful and thoughtful comments.

Paignton Zoo

This year, Paignton Zoo are offering free trips to schools in celebration of them being open for 100 years. We are delighted to say that St Joseph's have secured a booking to have a whole school trip to visit the zoo - for free! The nearest availability was in the Autumn term so our trip date is Wednesday October 18th. We have also secured some funding from Hyundai's Great British School Trip bursaries. They will be subsidising £600 of the travel costs, so the trip should be a very reasonable expense for parents. We will provide more details of exact costings later in the Summer term, but are excited to share the news with you now!

Primary Sports and Education

We have had a great half term with Primary Sports and Education coming into school on Tuesdays. After Easter, Primary Sports and Education will be in school every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the Summer term. We are delighted to see how many children have signed up for both the after school clubs. Please can you make sure that your child/ren come to school in the correct, St Joseph's, PE kit.

Charities:

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day - £68 raised

Comic Relief Red Nose Day- £89 raised

Year 3 and Year 4 Performance

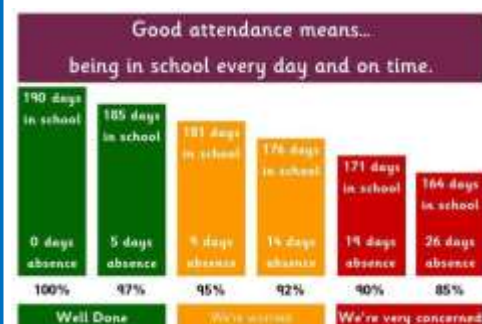
Year three and Year four children entertained us this week with their performance of the 'Three Little Pigs'. So much talent! Thank you to all parents who came to celebrate their learning and the amazing feedback which we received.

King's Coronation

To celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King we will be holding an exciting day of celebration on **Friday 5th May**.

Plans are being finalised but will include;

- ✓ A British tea party for all children. We request that each child brings in a plate of the following according to their class- Oak/Acorn/Rowan – Scones; Sycamore/Cherry – Sandwiches; Maple/Beech - Fairy cakes. If you have more than one child in school, then please just choose one plate.
- ✓ A 'Royal Parade'. Please can all children create a crown fit for a King which they can wear to take part in our grand parade! This will be set as a homework task for all classes, but you may want to use the Easter holidays to get creating. Parents will be invited to attend the parade at the end of the day.
- ✓ Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white or blue.

**Attendance:**

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives. The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success! 96% - our attendance target for 2022-2023!

The whole school attendance from September to the end of the Spring term was 95.5%.

Broken down into classes:-

Well done **Year 2** at **97.0%**

EYFS: 94.5%; Year 1: 93.6%; Year 3: 95.4%; Year 4: 96.1%; Year 5: 96.7%; Year 6 94.4%;

Hope you all have an amazing Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in the summer term!

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

31st March: Last day of Spring Term

17th April: Children return for Summer Term

Headteacher Awards: Oaks Class – Joseph, Rowan Class - Imogen; Sycamore Class - Bella

Gold Awards: Sycamore Class – Millie P; Cherry Class - Poppy J

Silver Awards: Oak Class- Darcey, Joseph, Sienna, Ned; Sycamore Class – Lily, Cherry Class – Emily; Maple Class - Bea

Bronze Awards: Oak Class – Ned, Frankie, Teddy; Cherry Class – Evan, Freddie; Beech Class – Ellis, Alfie

Stars of the term: Oak class - Darcey and Joseph; Rowan class - Zara and Jacob; Sycamore Class – Adam and Alfie; Cherry class – Oto and Jessi; Maple Class – Leo and Melissa; Beech Class – Lilly and James