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5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Easter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Our busy Spring term has come to an end. Thank you all for your continued support over the last few months. Our staff have worked hard to ensure the smooth, day-to-day running of the school and the term has been packed with events keeping everyone busy. We have had many class assemblies, Masses, trips and visiting workshops including our very busy Science Week and of course World Book Day.

A big thank you to the Friends of St Joseph's for the numerous events they have run to fundraise for the school; the discos, book sales, cake sales etc all take organising and there is a very strong team of parents putting in many hours behind the scenes.

Our recent email and new E-safety Agreement Form which we requested you sign, is in preparation for use of our new Chromebooks which were purchased with money raised through the school's fundraising. They are a wonderful addition to our IT programme and Mr Woolman has worked hard to secure the best deal possible for the school. Every class will be given the opportunity to use the Chromebooks. If you have not yet returned your signed form – please do so as a matter of urgency.

Over the Easter break there is more work taking place on the playground and I am hopeful this will be nearly complete by our return date on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### SCHOOL TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

With the introduction of our text messaging service to parents over 10 years ago now, we are aware at how reliant parents have become on receiving a text message to remind them about events etc that are happening in the school or their child's class.

Unfortunately, our text messaging provider has increased the cost of our text messaging package and to this end we have had to revise how we use the service. After Easter we will be taking a more 'informative' approach to sending text messages. If a full list of dates and events has been previously emailed to you, we ask that you please make a note of the dates and events that apply to you or your child and visit the school website regularly for updates. We will only be using the text messaging service for essential texts, e.g. cancellation of or change to an event, in the case of absences, outstanding dinner money etc. We will be making more use of the email service and urge you to check in regularly to your email accounts. Hopefully this will also reduce the number of texts you receive.

A dates and events list for Summer term 2019 is attached for your information.

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## CAFOD WEAR GREEN DAY

Our CAFOD Wear Green Day on Wednesday of this week was a great success and it was lovely to see all the children in wonderful shades of green. So far we have raised over £700 which will be going to CAFOD so they can forward it to those affected by the Idai Cyclone and to their Easter challenge – Give Something Up. Thank you for your generosity as always.

## WALK A MILE WITH MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY

We were invited by Middlesex University to take part in their Walk A Mile on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Both staff and pupils from KS2 walked the one mile course set out by the university and kept fit while having fun in the process.

All in all it was a pleasure to take part and we got lucky with the weather too!



## SUMMER UNIFORM

The pupils can wear their summer uniform after the Easter Break. Please check out the school website for further details: <https://stjps.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Uniform-Policy-July-18-1.pdf>

## APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

We have had a number of complaints about bad language being used on the playground by adults. Please remember it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children, parents, staff and visitors are happy and safe at school. We need to encourage high expectations of behaviour and social responsibility. It is important that all adults model appropriate language and behaviour in the playground both before and after school.

## PARKING

Parking continues to be an issue in and around the St Joseph's Grove entrance. There is no parking on site for parents therefore you must leave plenty of time to travel to school to drop off and collect your child/ren safely. **DO NOT STOP** on the zig zag lines – you are endangering the life of your child and others trying to cross the road and enter the school gates. Park considerately and above all else be polite to other drivers. We must lead by example – especially as a Catholic school.

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### **Y3-6 DINNER MONEY FOR SUMMER TERM**

Dinner money for the first half of the summer term will be £53.82 if paid in advance or £11.70 per week. ***Please keep your dinner money account in credit by paying and checking your balance online regularly.***

### **YEAR 3 SWIMMING ARRANGEMENTS**

Year 3 parents, please check your email for further information.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

The next term offers new challenges and excitement! SATs for Years 2 and 6, Sports Day, the Y6 summer performance (title to be revealed in due course), class trips and the meeting of our new pupils and parents during our induction days. Watch out for further information which will be emailed to you.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely



**Dr J Lane**  
**Executive Headteacher**

***Of all God's gifts Easter shows us our fate,  
forgiven we will rise and pass through Heaven's gate.***

***This Easter remember the sacrifice of a Son, and  
through his resurrection eternal life we have won.***

***This Easter I pray that the love of God is resurrected,  
reborn, renewed inside your heart.***

***God Bless You.***