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Newsletter Spring 1 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reflection

We finish today for our half term break. These 6 weeks have passed quickly after the Christmas holidays, starting with our Ofsted visit the second week back, enjoying trips out; (Year 2 Knowsley Safari park,) welcoming visitors in; (Year 1 grandparents afternoon) showcasing our learning (as Year 3 did yesterday sharing their Volcano work) and also enjoying afterschool clubs again (such as Multi skills & Boxing.) Photos of these events can be found on Class Dojos and our school website under Curriculum & Subjects. Hopefully our OFSTED report will be sent to us in the next week. We will share with you as soon as it is with us. We will PING it to all parents and put it on our school website.

Absences

Albeit a small number, we have experienced more Covid cases and other sickness absences in both children and staff. Whilst it's not too concerning in terms of community transmission, it has caused some disruption and will probably continue to do so. This has meant some of our School Led Tutoring sessions have had to be cancelled. Please can you refrain from taking children out of school during term time for holidays. Whilst we understand dates have been rearranged due to Covid cancellations, it is crucial for your children to be in school and to 'catch up' having already experienced such disruption from the Covid pandemic. We will have to start issuing penalty notices if parents continue to take children out of school for holidays and/or Fridays off, to set off for weekend breaks.

Car Park

Please can we remind everyone that the staff car park MUST NOT be used in the morning when dropping children off at Joe's Zone. It is a rule which must be followed by all or else it isn't fair on those who are following the rule.

Year 4 First Holy Communion

Year 4 will be taking their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church. The Sacramental Programme sessions will take place on Mondays after school, the dates and full details for will be sent out after half term.

Next half term

In Spring 2 we have lots planned: our Year 6 Residential trip, a Coffee morning for Key Stage 1 parents, Phonics Workshops for Parents and Year 2's CAFOD assembly to name a few. Please turn to the school calendar on our website for all up and coming dates and events running up to Easter.

Goodbye and THANK YOU Mrs Smith

Finally, we said Goodbye to Mrs Smith this afternoon in a special assembly. Mrs Smith has been at St Joseph's for 22 years as a Teaching Assistant and 1:1 support and has cared for many children over the years. Mrs Smith and her husband have decided to continue their fostering but on a full-time basis and she has come to the difficult decision of finishing work here at St Joseph's. A bitter – sweet day for all. Goodbye and good luck with everything Mrs Smith! Thank you for all your love and care over the years. Have a great half term everyone and we will see you back in school on Monday 21st February.

Yours sincerely
Miss Daley
Headteacher