

## Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have made a good start to the term and returned refreshed after the Easter break. As you know Year 6 have been busy preparing for the end of Key Stage 2 SATS tests, due to be held the week beginning 13th May 2019. The children have worked hard and my thanks to all the staff for the extra work they have put in, before and after school to provide extra teaching sessions. Please do keep year 6 in your prayers and we wish them all the best, I am sure they will do us proud.

Year 2 children have begun their end of Key Stage 1 assessments this week. Unlike Key Stage 2, the tests are administered over a few weeks. The children have been very focused and thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to prepare them.

Despite only being back for two weeks, school life has been hectic and children have participated in various activities. A group of Year 5 pupils visited Bishop Thomas Grant School for a science/stem workshop and a number of junior pupils took part in a Basketball tournament on Tuesday.

We are very fortunate to have access to many opportunities to extend and enhance pupils' learning.

The support you as parents give your child is key to their success, so please do continue to encourage them to aim high, work hard and engage in all activities presented to them.

### SCHOOL FUND

Thank you to those of you who have paid the school fund. Your donations make a difference and will be used to further enhance children's learning. Next term, I hope to share our short and long term plans of how we will use school funds. I will be discussing ideas with pupils so that their ideas and pupil voice is taken into consideration. If you have not had a chance to pay the school fund, please do contact the infants or junior office for information on how to make a payment. I am sure you are aware of the drastic cut to school budgets nationally, which has affected all schools. I would urge you to write to your member of Parliament to express your concerns. We will always continue to strive for excellence for our children, but it is becoming increasingly challenging with reduced budgets.

### SPORTS DAY – 24TH MAY

I look forward to seeing you at the sports day and hopefully the weather will be sunny and dry to make the day complete. Please refer to the letter sent out last term, giving details. If you have misplaced it, please refer to our website or contact the school office.

### MARIAN PROCESSION

Thank you for your generous donations of flowers for the May procession held on Friday, 3rd May 2019. The children sang beautifully and it was a wonderful celebration and offering up to Our Lady in the month of May.

Thank you for your continued support and please do refer to our school website: <http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/> for information on events this term and to enjoy looking through photos capturing all aspects of school life.



Mrs Fernandes – Headteacher

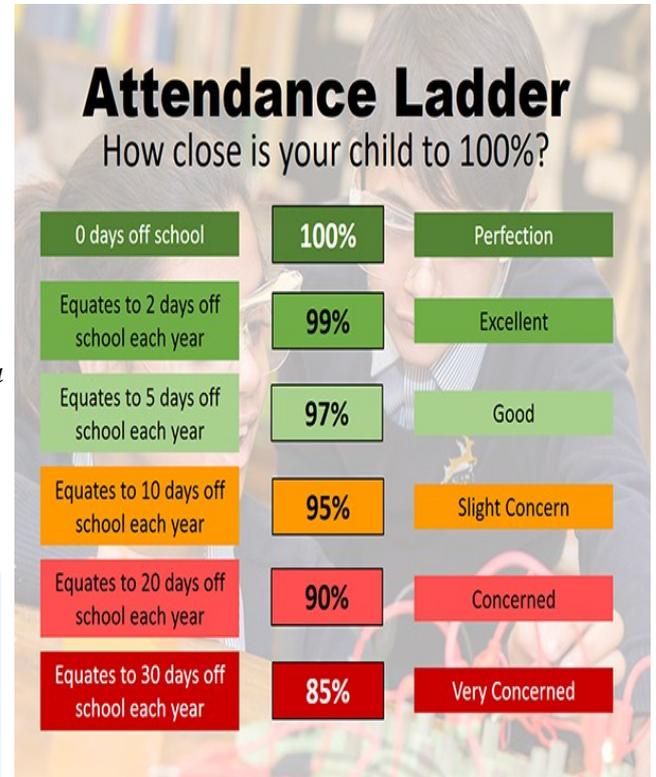
## ATTENDANCE

*Excellent attendance and punctuality is key to a child's success. Please ensure that your child is in school on time and works towards 100% attendance each week. Classroom doors are open from 8.45 a.m. each day, to give children time to complete early morning activities. If your child is in school ready to engage from 8.45 a.m. it means they will have an extra one hour and fifteen minutes of additional learning each week.*

### **School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

*The children are our best ambassadors and promote the school in the wider community, through their positive behaviour, attitude and the way they look. Wearing the correct uniform is key to presenting a good image in the public eye. So please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and wears it with pride.*

*Please ensure that your child always has the correct uniform. Pupils will need to be in full summer Uniform by the time we return from the May half term break. Please refer to the full uniform list attached to this newsletter and kindly ensure all items are clearly labelled. Please use the following link on our website relating to expectations for our uniform, hairstyles and non-negotiables. <http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/key-information/school-uniform/> We will be awarding certificates to classes where all children consistently look smart and wear the correct uniform. A reward will be given to these classes at the end of each term.*



Reception



KS1 & KS2 summer uniform



KS1 & KS2 winter uniform

