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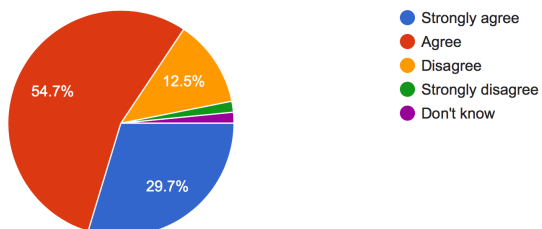
This was always going to be a very strange few weeks time wise - having had the 8th March as a key date in our calendar, it now feels very odd to be writing a newsletter to mark the end of the term! Just as we were really enjoying having a full school again, we are now finishing for the Easter break! But that word - 'enjoying' is used very deliberately. It has honestly been so lovely to welcome all the children back. We have all been so impressed with how the children have jumped back in and settled back to the routine. They were so thrilled to see their friends and it is truly lovely to hear their voices again - Zoom just doesn't compare! So even though we finish this week, the future is definitely looking brighter, and we all look forward to a full Summer Term. I wish you all a lovely and blessed Easter.

Mr Turner

Parent view - Our Published Curriculum

Last term, we ran an online Parent View survey, using the questions from the Ofsted Parent View website. Many thanks for all your feedback and views. I was really pleased with the results, as on the whole, they were indicating that as parents, you are happy with all of the work of our school - including pupil safety, pupil behaviour, expectations and progress. The full survey results will be sent in a separate letter. One area which was highlighted was in response to the question: 'The School makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year'

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64 responses



This came out as our lowest score, with around 14% of parents responding that information about our curriculum and Programmes of Study for each year group was less clear. This is useful information for us and something we can address with relative ease. As I am sure you can imagine, our curriculum has had to be adapted slightly owing to Covid and periods of lockdown, but on our website we publish a yearly overview plan. This can be viewed by following this link -

<http://>

www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk/curriculum-overview

where you can view each year group by subject and see what is being taught and when. At the top of the website, in the 'Our Curriculum' tab, you can also view further information for specific subjects. We hope that this will give you the information you need to feel you are feel aware of what your child will learn during the year.

We welcome George, Alice, James, Oliver, Jack, Izzy, Penny, Oscar, Vinnie, Charlotte, Isaac, Poppy and Isla who have all started with us during this last term. We hope you have settled in, and made lots of new friends! We are really enjoying getting to know you! Welcome to the St Joseph's family!



Happy St Joseph's Day!

Friday 19th March was the feast of our Patron Saint - Saint Joseph. As a school, we are proud to take his name and we try to follow his example - our Vision statement was created by thinking about how, when presented with an important job by God, he didn't run away or take the 'easy way out'. Instead, he 'Stepped Up' and took on the responsibility given to him. Our Vision Statement - "Just like St Joseph the Worker... Stepping up to achieve excellence" helps us to remember to try to follow his lead and do the right thing, even though it's not always the easiest thing. To celebrate the day, we invited all the children to wear something purple (as we are in the season of Lent) and to make a donation to the charity Caritas. Not only was it lovely to see all the purple on display, thanks to your generosity we raised over £200 to go to this good cause! Thank you!



Covid systems

There is a definite feeling of optimism in the air, and we all really hope that over the coming months, the national lockdown measures will continue to ease, and we can all once again return to a feeling of 'normal' and enjoy meeting up with family and loved ones. However, we are not quite there yet, and so it is important that we all continue to do our part. Many thanks to everyone for following the measures we have in place in order to keep children, families and staff safe. We must ask that you continue to follow all of our measures, under the key message of 'HANDS, FACE, SPACE'.

Our specific measures include minimising contact with others - this includes in school by the use of bubbles, and by staggering start/finish times to minimise the amount of people all being on site at the same time. We ask that you continue to keep to the designated times, depart as soon as possible, and wear a face covering when on the playground. There is light at the end of the tunnel, but this final stretch is just as important. Thank you

PTA Lottery

Because some of the usual fund raising activities are not able to take place, our PTA have launched an online lottery as a way of continuing to raise funds for school. If you haven't already, please use this link to buy your ticket, and Good Luck![https://](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-birkenhead)

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Moving Online

We had previously indicated that we are looking to move to an online system to make payments, for things like school dinners, trips etc. This will be through a system called Parent Pay. Owing to the latest lockdown, this had to go on hold, but we are hoping to get up and running during the Summer term. We are also aiming to go paperless for most letters, so this will be the final 'hard copy' of the half termly newsletter. From here on, the St Joseph's News will be sent via the parent app. If you need support in downloading or registering for the app, please contact schooloffice@stjosephs-birkenhead.wirral.sch.uk and we will help get you set up. We wish to become more environmentally friendly and cut down on paper copies.

Clubs - as the lockdown eases, we hope to reintroduce some after school clubs in the Summer term. Mr Nayland will send details out over the coming weeks.

Thought for the term...

As we finish on the 26th, which is the week before Holy Week and the wonderful celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we wish you all a lovely, blessed Easter.

