

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Parking

I am very disappointed that we are still having problems with parking. Please can you make sure that if you have to bring a car to school that you park considerably and have due regard for our neighbours. I know that every school has this problem, but it is not fair on our neighbours to have their driveways blocked or their grass parked on. We are receiving comments about people parking on the bend, which makes it very narrow coming round the corner, please be more considerate. Thank you in advance for your continued support with this ongoing challenge.

#### Gate opening and closing times

Just to remind you the school gates open at 8.45am, doors to the classrooms open at 8:50am and the gates close promptly at 8.55am. Lessons start at 8.55am. Please can we ask that you leave the playground promptly. Thank you.

#### Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property waiting to be reunited with its owners in the foyer to reception. Could you please ensure that your child has their name in all cardigans, jumpers, coats and on water bottles.

#### Parent Consultations

It is coming up to that time again where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment with their class teacher through parent consultations. These will commence the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and more information will be sent to you nearer the time. This academic year, you will receive your child's end of year report in the second half of the summer term (July 2024).

#### Attendance

I am asking again for your support to further improve our whole school attendance as this impacts upon our children's education. We have updated our attendance policy, which can be found on our website

([https://www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com/web/policies\\_and\\_equal\\_opportunities/277355](https://www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com/web/policies_and_equal_opportunities/277355))

The following link is a guide for parents/carers on attendance,

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2022/12/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance.pdf>

#### This Year's academic Attendance

Our aspiration target is **97%**

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!

This week - the class with the highest attendance is

**Beech**, with 100%

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Stephens

#### Diary dates:

17<sup>th</sup> January – Taiko Drumming workshop KS2

2<sup>nd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day, details to follow.

28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March – Year 6 Residential.

17<sup>th</sup> January – Author visit FSU & year 1

W/B 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultations, details to follow.

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan Class – Ned.

**Gold Awards:** Willow Class – Shiloh.

**100 nights of Reading:** Oak Class – Cosette; Rowan Class – Joseph.

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Edie; Rowan Class – Teddy; Sycamore Class – Brooklyn; Cherry Class – Darcie; Maple Class – Emily;

Willow Class – Layla; Beech Class – Finlay.