



**St. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2017.

I hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas. I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

The staff and I would like to thank you for the kind gifts which we received at Christmas; we very much appreciate your generosity.

Sadly during the Christmas holidays Mrs Moore's mother died. Mrs Moore will not be in school for a few days whilst arrangements are made. I would ask that you keep Mrs Moore's and her family in your prayers during this sad time.

During Mrs Moore's absence Pre Prep 2 will be taught by Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Parrish.

We also pray for Mrs Bailey and her family whose Grandmother sadly passed away last night.

I would also ask that you keep the whole school family in your prayers as I am aware that there are other members who have also lost loved ones over Christmas.

*-Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace-*

On a happier note; Congratulations go to Mr Salt who got engaged during the holiday - we wish him and his fiancée every happiness as they plan their future together.

Extra-curricular clubs

Clubs begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Those attending Novice Gymnastics will have received a message informing them that this is cancelled until the 23<sup>rd</sup> January - monies have been refunded and should come home in the children's bags on 6<sup>th</sup> January. Everyone should have received a timetable for extra-curricular clubs –this is also on the school website.

Dates and information

All diary dates and information can be found on the school website. Mrs Pickford does a sterling job of informing you if changes occur, but please do check the website for all current information and diary dates; these are there (as far as possible).

### Lost property

Towards the end of last term we had a lot of lost property. We do try and reunite items with their owners if they are named and staff do spend time searching for lost items which are highlighted to us. Unfortunately vast amount of clothing remains unnamed or has names of people who have left still in them if 'nearly new' items have been purchased. Please can you make sure all clothing is correctly and securely marked.

### School Closure

I always hope that the weather is kind to us as it is never an easy decision to close the school due to bad weather .It is a decision which I take in consultation with Mr Denson on the grounds of everyone's Health and Safety.

Please make yourselves familiar with the School Closure Policy (on the website) and ensure that the school is open and staff are present before you drop your child off.

### PTA

The PTA have various activities planned for the coming part of the academic year, please support the PTA by attending the AGM on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January (Time TBC) in the school hall.

### Forthcoming Diary Dates

- 10<sup>th</sup> January P3/P4 Educational Visit to Wedgewood Visitor Centre – Packed lunch, water & healthy mid-morning snack required  
PTA AGM – All welcome. Time to be confirmed
- 11<sup>th</sup> January P5/P6 Educational Visit to Wedgewood Visitor Centre – Packed lunch, water & healthy mid-morning snack required  
School Nurse Drop-In Clinic for **P6 Parents ONLY**  
**10.30am until 11.30am**
- 17<sup>th</sup> January P5 Class Assembly at 3pm – Parents of P5 welcome to join us
- 19<sup>th</sup> January Swimming Starts for P3 & P4
- 24<sup>th</sup> January Christingle Service Led by PP1 in the School Hall at 2.45pm. All welcome to join us
- 31<sup>st</sup> January EYFS Parents Evening (Further details to follow)
- 1<sup>st</sup> February EYFS Educational Visit to Gladstone Potteries Museum
- 10<sup>th</sup> February Spring Disco (Further Details To Follow)
- 17<sup>th</sup> February School Closes 3.15pm Nursery / 3.25pm Reception – P6 (**Joe's Club Open as usual until 5.50pm**)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Week
- 27<sup>th</sup> February School Re-Opens

We look forward to a busy and productive term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*S. D. Hutchinson .*

**Mrs S D Hutchinson BEd**  
**Headteacher**