



12th May 2011

Dear Parents,

It is good to be back. I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break and Royal wedding. The weather in England being much better than in Spain!

This is a very short half term with lots going on.

Firstly I am writing to inform you that I am currently advertising two teaching posts for September.

Miss Grice will be getting married in September and unfortunately will be moving to pastures new, hence we will be appointing a new teacher for Reception in September. Miss Grice has been a great asset to the school and we will miss her. We will have the opportunity to thank her later in the term.

Miss Simpson will be going on maternity leave in September; her class will be covered by a suitably qualified teacher during this period of leave. We wish her well as she prepares for the baby.

Interviews for these two positions take place at the end of this half term and I will inform you once suitable appointments have been made.

The Governors are holding their Annual Governor Consultation Evening with Parents on Tuesday 17th May at 7-30pm in the school hall. You are most welcome to attend. I would be grateful for catering purposes if you could confirm your attendance by e-mailing Mrs Pickford: hpickford@stjosephsprepschool.co.uk

The Governors are a very dedicated group of volunteers who give up a lot of time to our school, they are always happy to address any questions you may have and welcome the opportunity to meet with you on 17th May.

The PTA is also very active in school and will be holding their Annual BBQ on Saturday 11th June.

To that end they are collecting items for the stalls and would like any contributions as follows:

20th May - Something for the Tombola Stall

25th May Non-Uniform Day – Bring a Bottle (alcohol, soft drinks, bubble bath and perfume) instead of wearing school uniform. Please note alcoholic bottles need to be brought in by an adult please.

10th June – Cakes – Shop bought or homemade are welcome, however, if they are homemade please ensure that they are labelled if they contain nuts.

Many thanks for your support.

Next week is Examination Week.

Week commencing 23rd May is Humanities Week which this year is based on the theme “Explorers”. On Thursday 26th May we have been fortunate to secure a visit and talk from Captain Martin Hewitt who has recently returned from the North Pole where he has undertaken “Walking for the Wounded”, accompanied some of the way by Prince Harry.

Thank you to all those children and parents who support our Fair Trade Stall we have supported Traidcraft and made £844.46 so far this academic year.

Thank you to everyone who sent in flowers for our May Day Procession we had a lovely celebration led by P3. Flowers were very kindly taken by Mrs Gallimore, Isabel and Archie to the Douglas Macmillan Hospice to brighten up their wards. These were gratefully received.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Mr and Mrs Wilson who have donated a lawn mower to the school. We are very grateful for their kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. D. Hutchinson BEd
Headteacher