Friday 6th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we begin the final term of the year, I am excited for all the learning and fun that still lies ahead. The children have already shown great interest in our new topic, and I am looking forward to seeing where their curiosity takes us. This term, we will be exploring "All the Fun of the Seaside" in our history lessons, discovering what seaside holidays were like one hundred years ago and comparing them to the experiences children have today. Their enthusiasm makes this a perfect topic to inspire thoughtful discussions and meaningful learning as we continue to REACH for excellence in everything we do.

This term is bursting with exciting opportunities for learning across the curriculum. We will be diving into poetry and explanation texts in English, investigating the human body and seasonal changes in science, and discovering how to program a moving robot in computing. In DT, we will even be making our own fruit salad as part of our focus on healthy living. We cannot wait to see the children continue to REACH for their best in this final, fun filled term!

At the start of our second week back, the **Phonics Screening Check** will take place. This is a short, one-to-one assessment where children read a mix of real and alien words (made-up words) that help show how well they can apply their phonics skills. The children really enjoy spotting the alien words! To help them feel focused and ready to do their best, we encourage a good night's sleep and a healthy, filling breakfast each morning.

It has been lovely to see so many children continuing their learning outside of school, whether through additional maths work, creating artwork, or even writing their own stories. We love to celebrate these efforts in class, and we actively encourage children to share their achievements, as it helps to build confidence and inspire others.

Hopefully, this term we will be blessed with some sunshine. To ensure the children stay safe and comfortable during outdoor activities, please make sure they bring a sun hat to wear outside/come to school wearing sun cream, if the sunny weather continues.

## Things to Remember:

- PE Days: Our PE days remain on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform.
- Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day. In line with our school policy and as part of promoting a healthy lifestyle at St Joseph's, we kindly ask that bottles contain water only, not squash or juice.
- Reading: Please continue to read with your child five times a week. It makes a huge difference, and the children get so excited when they collect their bookworms and bookmarks

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at collection at the end of the day, or via email FAO Miss Read via <a href="mailto:admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk">admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk</a>

Kind regards,

Miss Read