



Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to back to Spring Term 2! Unbelievably, we are half way through our school year, and the children are thriving through in their learning journeys at St Joseph's having established lovely friendships in their class and beyond. I am looking forward to meeting with you all during our Parents Evening to discuss your child's individual journeys later in the term. This term we will be shaping our learning around the topic 'People That Help Us', from everyday heroes to pivotal champions through history like Florence Nightingale, from vets to librarians, doctors to police and so many more.

This term we will be continuing our focus on our fine and gross motor skills development through more sewing and needle work as well as woodwork during our REACH activity and opening our big dig area - if waterproofs and wellies have come home for whatever reason, please can you return them so the children have these in school every day. Nympsfield can stay colder with the wind long into Spring, so please continue to send coats, hats and gloves for the children for their break and lunch times when they are outside, as well as when we are gardening, you may not know, but I am a keen gardener and am looking forward to embarking on some spring planting!

Reading is an essential part of children's learning, hearing you read to them is so important, and we love having surprise visits for our Mystery Readers, if you have not signed up yet, and would like to, please speak to me at the end of the school day to book a slot. As well as listening to stories, hearing the children read is crucial to their development, should you be able to offer 15 minutes at the start of the school day to listen to some readers we would really appreciate it. Please contact Miss Gardiner in the office to arrange which mornings work best for you.

Things to remember:

- Thank you for working consistently with your children with their reading and flashcards. We have children getting very close to getting their first Reading Award - this is 25 reading points! Remember reading 5 times a week earns them a reading point.
- PE kit, please can children come to school in their **PE kit** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Children should wear shorts under their joggers on Wednesdays for gymnastics - this is to give them better grip on the equipment.
- Homework - this will continue to come home as a pack to be completed weekly in line with our learning. Please complete the worksheets as dated in the packs. The packs will be collected in at the end of each term.
- Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in each day.

Finally, the children have been working so hard in school and we would love to share their learning with you ahead of Parents Evening, if you would like to come in and see the class floor books, you can do 3.00pm-3.30pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025. As always, 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 Mrs Daly via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Kind regards
Mrs Catherine Daly