

## A message from Mrs Gum

Has Spring sprung? The dip in temperature certainly doesn't make it feel that way! With statutory national assessments taking place over the coming weeks, attendance and punctuality are of utmost importance. We need to ensure that children have every opportunity to practise and embed learnt skills, along with acquiring new knowledge and understanding. School life is fast paced and we have to make effective use of every minute of the day. Learning starts from the moment doors open at 8:40am and late arrivals miss out on morning activities used to rehearse and practise key skills, sensory circuits used to prepare specific children for the upcoming day, the routine and connection of the classroom which is significant to the majority of our children. Please support your child's learning and school in ensuring that your child is in class and ready to learn by 8:45am each day. Wishing all families celebrating their First Holy Communication this weekend a wonderful day!

Lunch Menu Attendance positivity DATES FOR YOUR DIARY R Whole School respect Wednesday 1st May Week 2 independence 94.5% KS2 to Mass D determination Monday 6th May F enthusiasm 1st Place SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY **Forest School Miss C Bennett's Class** Wednesday 8th May EYFS Gardening Day 99.3% Friends of St Joseph's PTA 3rd May Monday 13th May 2nd Place Miss C Bennett KS2 SATS **Miss Raymond's Class** Crazy Hair Day Tuesday 14th May 3rd May 98.6% 10th May KS2 SATS £1 payable via School Gateway 3rd Place **Miss Weir** 1:30PM PTA Meeting **Miss Howard's Class** Wednesday 15th May Next PTA Meeting 17th May 98.5% KS2 SATS 1:30pm Tuesday 14th May **Mr Lewis** Thursday 16th May KS2 SATS Monday 20th May ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY 8:45am EYFS Stay and Read The Governing Board have agreed that authorisation will NOT be given for ANY holidays taken in term time. Requests for authorised absence must be made using the Tuesday 21st May absence request form at least 4 weeks in **advance** of the absence. Please refer to the 8:45am KS1 Stay and Read A reminder Attendance Policy on the school website. St Joseph's has adopted the Winsford Wednesday 22nd May that Monday Education Partnership Policy. Please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn 8:45am LKS2 Stay and Read 6th May is a by 8:45am each day. 9:30am Year 3 & 4 Cricket Bank Holiday 3pm Year 5 & 6 Cricket Parking and school Thursday 23rd May There have been comments and criticisms made on social media 8:45am UKS2 Stay and Read will therefore around school and its efforts to combat the antisocial parking of par-Year 6 Snap Trap be closed. ents. The church carpark is closed to ensure the safety of our children 3:30pm Mini Vinnies Dog Show and families. The gate onto the church carpark is a much used entry Friday 24th May Please ensure and exit point. Unfortunately, there were frequent occasions where Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks all parents' parking and driving on the church carpark endangered mem-SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM bers of our community and parents blatantly ignored the markings on dinner and Monday 3rd June the carpark, routinely preventing Father from being able to exit his snack payown driveway. When school resources are utilised to ensure that **INSET DAY** ments are up Tuesday 4th June adults adhere to the Highway Code and the law, it places a significant strain on school staff and pulls resources away from the effective SCHOOL OPENS to date. teaching and learning of your children. We would ask for your continued support in keeping our community safe and ask that any antisocial parking or behaviour is reported to the relevant authorities. Sunday's Gospel John 15: 1-8 Phone: 01606 668 790

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"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear."