

# S<sup>t</sup> JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

*Dear parents and carers,*

I hope you all enjoyed the first bank holiday of this month, one more to go!

I know the weather wasn't great but it was nice to have an extra day at home.

We have had a few more prospective candidates looking round school again this week, the closing date is Monday, so fingers crossed we will soon have a new Head Teacher to announce.

We are also recruiting two new Teaching Assistants, as unfortunately, Mrs Mapplebeck will be leaving us in the summer to enjoy a well-deserved retirement and Mrs Edwards in FS2 will be leaving us this month. If you know of anybody who may be interested the jobs are advertised on the RMBC website.

We continue to monitor learning through book scrutiny and lesson filming. This week the staff have been filming themselves teaching RWInc and Maths Meetings. Year 4 received a massive well done in today's assembly for all their hard work and progress they have shown in their writing and presentation. Next week we will be looking at the 'Come and See' books.

This week I have met with our fantastic Parent Voice to look at next year's diary. Now that things are returning to the new normal we are hoping to be able to make more plans.

Best wishes,

Mrs Briggs



## Diary Dates:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – 6pm Governors Staffing and Finance Meeting

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes for Half term

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Inset Day staff training school closed

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Governors meeting 6:30 pm Quality of Education

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 children going to Rawmarsh Community School leave

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – children transition to their new class for the last two weeks of term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Full Governors meeting 6:30 pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Last Day – School closes for the summer holidays

### STEM Event

Year 5 took part in an online STEM event aimed at Y5 and Y6 students today.

The class had 30 minutes to solve clues to help them get out of the Virtual Escape Room challenge! The event was designed by STEM Academy North and promoted by Wales High school with an aim of celebrating Women in Space Engineering. With prizes to be won, the class had half an hour to escape a virtual room before the rocket blasted off!

The class were incredibly excited and showed great team work and spirit by solving the final tricky clue with 5 minutes to spare! Well done Year 5!

### Secondary School Admission Dates

Pupils in Year 5 will receive their Secondary School Admission Applications during the first week in July. You can also complete the one line application from this date. This will close on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Closing dates for postal applications is the 30<sup>th</sup> November - Allocation places will be advised by letter on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### Early Drop-off

If you are still interested and have not completed the survey please follow the link

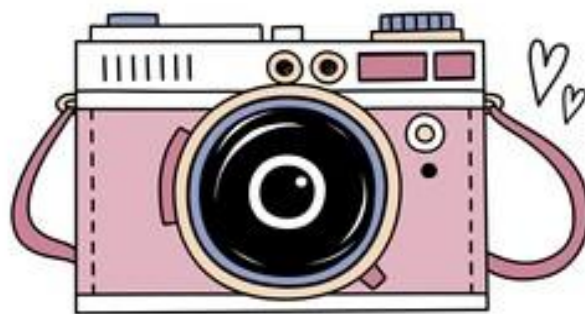
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GCY68FM>

**May is 'Get Caught Reading' month  
And we want to catch you guys!**

Send your class teacher a photo of your child reading – it could be one of them all snuggled up on the sofa or somewhere unusual. They can be reading to themselves, an adult or to a pet or toy. We just want to celebrate the pleasure of reading!

**So get snapping and send your child caught in the act!**

# CHEESE



# Holidays 2021 – 2022

## END OF SUMMER HOLIDAY

Back to school - Thursday 2nd September 2021

## AUTUMN HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 25th October 2021

Back to school - Monday 1st November 2021

## CHRISTMAS

Holiday starts - Monday 20th December 2021

Back to school - Wednesday 5th January 2022

## SPRING HALF TERM

Holidays starts - Monday 21st February 2022

Back to school - Monday 28th February 2022

## EASTER

Holiday starts - Monday 11th April 2022

Back to school - Monday 25th April 2022

## SUMMER HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 30th May 2022

Back to school - Monday 6th June 2022

## SUMMER HOLIDAY

Holiday starts - Wednesday 20th July 2022

## INSET DATES:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

*Please note that there are 2 more training days that have not been decided as yet.*