



Dear families,

As another term comes to an end and we prepare to celebrate Easter, I share the following information with you.

MISS HAQ: On Friday, we say goodbye to Miss Haq after 16 years of working at St Joseph's. Miss Haq has been a brilliant servant to the school and its families and a huge help to myself during my relatively short time in the school. We wish her all of the very best in her new venture. She will be a huge miss to us with her extensive knowledge and good humour and we wish her every success in her new role. Mrs Avery has been appointed to replace Miss Haq and will begin with us on Monday 17 April, straight after Easter. I am sure we will all welcome her warmly.







**GOOD
BYE &
GOOD
LUCK!**

ATTENDANCE: We continue to work hard on improving attendance levels in school. Attending regularly is a key component in children accessing the curriculum fully and achieving their potential - ensuring there are no gaps in their learning. Our school is performing reasonably well and has an overall attendance that is just above the national average. However, 20% of children in the school have attendance below 90%, which is the minimum level expected - which I think you would agree is far too many children.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

I hope that we will have an even stronger performance in the summer term. I encourage parents to work with Ms Martlew, our school Attendance Officer to improve their child's attendance, particularly if it is low. Failure to do so may leave school with no option but to refer matters to the local authority which can result in hefty fines being issued should attendances not improve. Should you wish to know your child's attendance level, you can easily do so by calling the school office. May I also remind parents that it is your duty to tell school if your child is due to be absent for safeguarding reasons.

CLUBS:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UKULELE YEARS 3 & 4 	FOOTBALL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 	DANCE YEARS 1 & 2 	CHEERLEADING YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 	MULTI SKILLS YEARS 3 & 4 
KARATE YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 	A reminder of the After School Clubs we are running each night. If your child hasn't signed up already, forms are available from the office. It's a great opportunity for children to get involved in a variety of activities for only £1 per session.			

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS: If your child qualifies for benefits related free school meals, you should have received your voucher. **If you think your child should qualify for this, please approach the office to make an application.** This is an easy process. With the cost of living crisis, it is important that everybody gets their entitlement. It also provides extra funding for the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

1 May – Bank Holiday (school closed)
 9 May to 12 May – SATS week for Year 6
 20 & 21 July – Training Days (school closed)

8 May – The King's Coronation (school closed)
 5 June – Staff Training Day (school closed)

On behalf of the staff, we wish all families and children a safe and enjoyable Easter Break.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Brown

Mr P Brown
 Executive Head Teacher

