

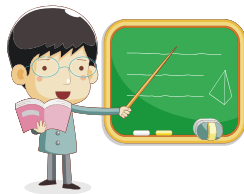
A Message from the Governors

St. John Bosco RC Primary School is committed to maximising the potential of every child. We know that you too want the very best for your child.



Good, consistent attendance at school is crucial to give your child the best chance of success.

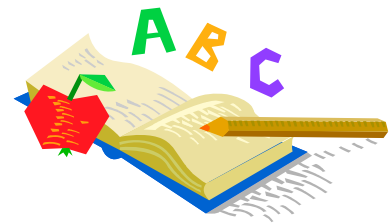
We need your support in ensuring that holidays are not taken in school time so that your child has the very best opportunity to succeed.



From the 1st September 2013 DFE amended the regulations surrounding holidays in term time. The DFE has removed references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. **These new amendments make it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.** From the 1st September 2013 application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances only and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave.



Every Day at School Counts!

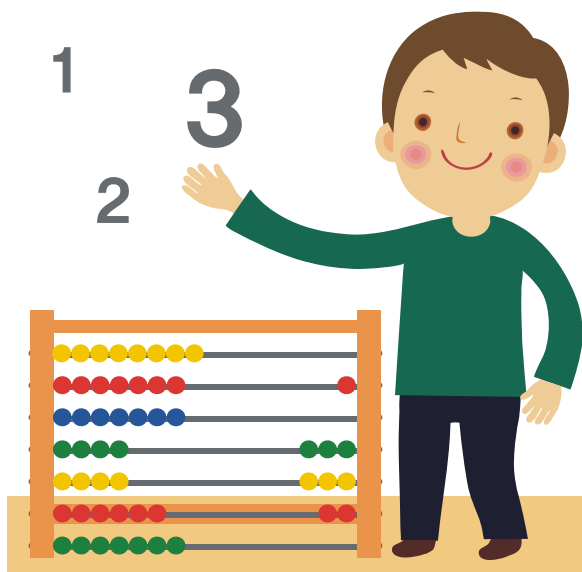


Please take your child on holiday during the school holidays.



Holidays
during School Time may
be less expensive
BUT.....
Your Child's Education is
Priceless

We fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays. However, from the 1st September 2013 leave of absence must be formally requested from and agreed by the Headteacher in advance of any absence. Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances; low cost travel or arrangements made by a family member or friends are not deemed to be exceptional circumstance. Headteachers will determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted in accordance with arrangements made by the schools governing body. The Local Authority can fine parents for failing to ensure their child attends school.



Total school days lost due to holidays in Autumn Term 2017	2 days
Total number of unauthorised absence	4 absences
Number of Pupils taking a holiday in Autumn Term 2017	1 child

Total school days lost due to holidays in Spring Term 2018	22 days
Total number of authorised absence (exceptional circumstances)	34 absences
Total number of unauthorised absence	10 absences
Number of Pupils taking a holiday in Spring Term 2018	3 children

Total school days lost due to holidays in Summer Term 2018	97 days
Total number of authorised absence (exceptional circumstances)	0 absences
Total number of unauthorised absence	194 absences
Number of Pupils taking a holiday in Summer Term 2018	15 children

Parents continue to book family holidays in term time regardless of Government regulations and the possible consequences of their actions. The school continues to work in partnership with the LA Attendance Officer to address problematic or persistent absences.

