



GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS



We say a fond farewell to Yr 6 today and wish them continued success and many blessings as they move on to their Secondary Schools. We are very proud of the way the children have grown and developed throughout their time at St. Joseph's. It is always lovely to hear news of how ex-pupils are getting on, so do keep in touch and come back and visit! I would also like to thank Yr 6 parents for their support and partnership over the years, particularly those for whom this is their final child at St. Joseph's.

SHARING EXPERTISE

Many thanks to Mr Patricio and Mr Holland who visited some of the classes this week to talk about their respective professions. The children really enjoyed both talks.



SUMMER FAIR FINAL TOTAL

£3,220.43

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

FOSJ CAKE & LOLLY SALE

Thank you for your support, the sale raised £80.70



FR. DOMINIC ROLLS SCHOOL ETHOS AWARD



Congratulations to Mya Duthie in Year 6 who was awarded the shield, donated by the parish, which is presented to the child who makes an outstanding contribution to the ethos of the School.

HOUSE CUP

Congratulations to all the children in Fitzalan House who were the winners of this year's Housepoints Cup.



KS2 SATs RESULTS

We are delighted to announce this year's SAT results and wish to congratulate all the Year 6 children, teachers and teaching assistants on their hard work, and you as parents for your invaluable support at home. These results are recently released and we will obviously be analysing them in much greater depth; however, the initial indication is that it has been another successful year and we continue to perform above National averages. We remain proud of the children's endeavours across all areas of the curriculum, even in those areas which are not measured by the DfE!

Percentage of children reaching the "Expected Standard" or above.

SUBJECT	St. Joseph's	National Average 2018
Reading	88%	75%
Grammar Punctuation & Spelling	92%	78%
Maths	88%	76%
Writing	85%	78%
Reading Maths and Writing [Combined]	77%	64%

Yr 6 parents will notice that these school figures differ slightly from those on the pupil reports sent out (due to an issue with the system), individual pupil results remain the same.

KEEPING SKILLS SHARP

The children have worked hard this year and deserve a lovely rest over the Summer. However, it is always really useful if they can find a little time each week to keep practising basic skills such as reading for pleasure (don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge at the library!) committing number facts and times tables to memory and improving their speed and accuracy of recall, and practising their phonics, spelling rules and patterns. This way they can develop & maintain the progress they have made!

EARRINGS

If you are considering allowing your child to have their ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the Summer Holidays so that they have time to heal. **Children are not permitted to wear earrings for school and will be asked to remove them.** Furthermore, the LE guidance does not permit children to wear earrings for PE, nor does it allow earrings to be covered with plasters for such activities for Health and Safety reasons. **Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.**

TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

INSET DAY MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

Tues 4th September 2018 - Fri 21st December 2018

Half Term Week: 22nd - 26th October 2018

INSET DAY FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Spring Term 2019

Mon 7th January 2019 - Fri 5th April 2019

Half Term Week: 18th - 22nd February 2019

INSET DAY FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tues 23rd April 2019 - Fri 19th July 2019

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term Week: 27th May - 31st May 2019

INSET DAY MONDAY 22nd & TUESDAY 23rd JULY 2019

SAVE THE DATE

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Parents are warmly invited to come along and meet their child's new teacher on

Thursday 7th September 2018

Year 1 & Year 2 (6.00pm)

Year 3 & Year 4 (6.30pm)

Year 5 and 6 (7.00pm)

The evening will provide a more informal opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher and hear about the curriculum and expectations for their child's class for the year ahead. Light refreshments will be served in the Hall from 5.45pm-7.00pm.

AUTUMN TERM

Please note that Monday 3rd September is an INSET day, so the first day back for the children in Yrs 1-6 will be Tuesday 4th September 2018

AS WE REACH THE END OF ANOTHER BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR, THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE TO THANK...

The children for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year.

You, the parents, for your continued support of the school,

a special mention to those parents who have volunteered in classrooms and on school trips and also to the parents who have helped organise the various FOSJ

events throughout the year to raise additional funds for the school.

Catherine Blackburn and the Governors for their voluntary work on the school's behalf.

Fr. Tony for his guidance and for taking such an active interest in our school.

The staff for their hard work, support, good humour and generosity of spirit.

We remain immensely proud of the children and all they have achieved and are committed to continuing to move forwards as we strive to

"Learn and Grow Together in the Light of God's Love."

Finally, the staff are always very touched by the many gifts, cards and kind words they receive at the end of the year. It is not always possible to say thank you in person so, on behalf of all the staff, please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity.

With very best wishes for a safe, happy and relaxing holiday, **Miss Scrutton & all the staff**