



## Head-lines

Welcome to the first St Joseph's Newsletter of the new academic year. I hope the first half term has got off to a good start for all the children, and I especially welcome all of our new children and families. A lot has happened in this half term already, and when we return, dare I say it, but thoughts begin to turn to Christmas! But for now, I hope you enjoy reading about some of the news and information from this half term. Wishing you all a good break,  
Mr Turner

## Uniform

I really am so thrilled with our new KS2 school uniform. I think the children look so smart and are wearing it with real pride so thank you all so much for engaging with it. Earlier in the term, we attended a mass at St Anne's led by Bishop Mark. It was the first time we had been 'in public' wearing the new uniform, and I got so many great comments from other Head teachers, members of the clergy and public. I was also speaking with a worker who visits us once a week, and who has been with us for several years. She commented that she can see and feel a difference in how the children are carrying themselves and again described it as pride. Some of the Year 6 girls have also shown me how useful the interior blazer pockets are - some of them look like they are carrying the entire stock of Staples! I hope you also like it, and feel a similar level of pride seeing your children look so smart. Once again, thank you all so much for supporting it.

PS - I know the Uniform shop was overwhelmed by the volume of sales and did run out over summer. They have now restocked, and we also have a stock of ties which you can purchase from the office.

## Year 1 History Project

Last week I was interviewed by our Year 1 Children who are doing a project about the history of St Joseph's school. As you will be aware, I attended the school so it makes me so incredibly happy to now be serving as Headteacher. The children asked me about my experience of the school, my memories, my teachers and my favourite lessons. I left out one or two stories, but did rummage through my Mum's photo albums and dug out a few old pictures of me in Y3 and Y6. Nothing too embarrassing though! Thank you Year 1, I really enjoyed sharing my memories with you. Who knows, maybe one of you will return to the school in years to come and pick up the reins from me!



## Clubs

We now have several of our after school clubs up and running - including tennis, football, zumba and choir. More are starting next half term, including guitar, Zumba for Y1 and ukulele. Keep a watch out for further information and sign up letters.

Good bye

We say Good bye to Mrs Hart who is retiring this half term. Mrs Hart has worked at St Joseph's for many years, supporting the children and teaching them Spanish. On behalf of all the children and staff, I thank her and wish her all the best for the future. Enjoy your time and 'Adios!'



### Coming up....

Just a few reminders about some upcoming events next half term. Please see the school website for more dates

- Friday 19th October - School closes
- Tuesday 30th October- School opens
- Tuesday 30th October - 2.00pm Year 6 Parents meeting re SATs
- Friday 9th November 9.30am - Mass led by Y5
- WC 12th November - Anti bullying week
- 12th November - Kittle Photography for individual photographs (Rearranged date)

### Anti Bullying

As you can see above, coming up in November we are having an anti-bullying week. We want to stress that St Joseph's has a zero tolerance approach to bullying.

During this week the children will learn about the different forms bullying can take, the damage it can do and what they should do if they or someone they know are being bullied. It is also important to differentiate the difference between bullying and one off arguments or 'falling out' which children can be prone to. We will help the children explore this. We thank you for your support in helping us make St Joseph's a happy and safe school by supporting our behaviour systems. If you do have concerns about behaviour or what you feel is bullying, please in the first instance make an appointment to meet with the class teacher as they are best placed to help your child. By working together we will ensure all children at St Joseph's are well behaved, polite, well mannered and feel safe and happy in school.

### Internet Stay Safe

This half term we delivered a workshop for parents to help at home with keeping children safe when online, by showing how to change filters and settings, and going through some of the websites children may

be accessing. Thank you to the parents who attended and we hope you found the session useful. We have added some more internet and social media advice to the Safeguarding Resource page on our school website:

<http://www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk/safeguarding-information-and-resources/>

### Oaklands

Year 6 had a taste of the Great Outdoors in their residential at Oaklands outdoor activity centre. They loved all the activities and skills they learnt through rock climbing, gorge walking and orienteering. I hope they have continued to use the other skills they learnt - bed making, doing the dishes and cleaning up!



### Thought for the term

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier". Mother Teresa*