



Head-lines

As Old Blue Eyes once sang, "And now, the end is near...." The end of our academic year 2019-20 is upon us. There have been highs and lows, good times, and not so good times, things that have gone well, and things that could have been better. "But through it all, when there was doubt...." the thing never in doubt is how immensely proud of the children I am, and how much I genuinely love this job - seeing them grow, develop and achieve things they didn't think possible. I hope you all - children, parents, staff and family have had a good year, I wish you all a lovely Summer, and look forward to September to continue our journey to excellence.

Mr Turner

Good Bye and Good Luck

Along with the excitement of breaking up for Summer comes the inevitable sadness of saying good bye to pupils and colleagues. Over the years our Year 6 have given us so much - their laughter, their tears, their hopes, their dreams. We couldn't be prouder of them and I know they will continue to shine as they start the next stage of their educational journey. It is only really 'bye for now' as they will always be a part of

the family of St Joseph's. Caitlin, Imaad, Lille, Athena, Harry, Elliott, Lucas, Henry, Ethan, Grace, Sophie, Holly, Leighton, Tara, Sacha, Alexandra, Sophie, Marcus, Oliver, Helen, Kieran, Finn, Lennon, Jessica, Rufus, Girven, Luke, Ella, Johnny-Ray, Maddison, Joshua, Rui, Luke, Alex, Amelia, Neo, Luka, James, Alex, Holly, Dylan, Georgina, Antoni, Oliver, Layton, Ava, Jessica, Darcie, Connor, Ruby, Aman, we are all so, so proud of you and wish you every success with High School. Do come back to visit us - you will always be made to feel welcome - and who knows, maybe one of you will one day return as Headteacher too! Good bye and good luck.

How lucky I am to have something that
makes saying goodbyes so hard.

- Winnie the Pooh



We are also saying good bye to some members of staff this year. Miss Ralphs who has been teaching Year 3 this year is moving to Sunnier climes, and looking at the rain here, I don't blame her!

Miss Mault who has worked in Year 3 and the last two years in Year 2 is moving on to pursue other interests. And finally, as you know, Mrs Bertram our Acting Deputy has been appointed as permanent deputy in Church Drive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for all of their work at St Joseph's - they will be greatly missed by staff, children and parents. I wish you all the very best of luck, and the same as for the pupils above - you will always be very welcome at St Joseph's.

As well as saying goodbye, we also welcome Nina, Ailis and Paige who have joined us this term. I hope you feel welcome and are settling in well.

Important website documents

Attendance

Attendance for the whole year has been 95%

We must work to get this back up to at least 96% so please can I ask for your support with this.

Linked to the attendance matters - last year we introduced a 'Parents Page' to the website. This page stores key information we as a school have to bring to your attention on an annual basis, such as our attendance policy. Please do familiarise yourself with it, and it will be updated in September

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Parent App

We also wish to encourage you to use the Parent App and download the app if you have not yet already done so. The plan is to move increasingly paperless over the course of next year, with the ultimate goal of reducing hard copies to zero. This is better for the environment as well as budget, so please do make use of the app. The office staff are on hand to help you install and set up an account if you are having any issues.

School opens for pupils Tuesday
3rd September 2019

School Uniform and praise

I really do thank you for supporting our uniform policy. I honestly can't tell you how much praise we get from members of the public when we attend events as they always comment on how smart our pupils look. Just a reminder that the uniform information booklet went out a few weeks ago, and contained the information about purchasing. Many thanks for supporting this and I really look forward to seeing them all in September, especially our new juniors who can now wear our 'grown up' KS2 uniform.

Just on a similar note, I also always get great feedback from any visitors to our school about how amazingly polite and respectful our pupils are. We recently had one visitor (an NPQH student all the way from Bangkok!) who told me that during the three days he was with us, he didn't once open a door, as every time he was near one, a child appeared, held it open for him and greeted him with a smile and a 'good morning!' I have many more examples of the great feedback I get - I am so very proud and grateful to our pupils - I really value manners, politeness and courtesy and thank you and them for giving St Joseph's a good reputation **#proudheadteacher!**

Behaviour and 'bullying'

I want to end the year by confirming my pledge - that St Joseph's will be a school free from poor behaviour and bullying. I am aware that over the course of the year, some incidents have been reported, and I would imagine that for some of you reading this, you may disagree or think we are a way off fulfilling that goal. At times, issues can be subjective and different sides present themselves. I will pick up on this again in September, as there is work I want to do. However, I want to be very clear that I fully intend to ramp this up, so that a clear message is set that poor behaviour, or deliberate unkindness will not be tolerated.

Prayer for the term

May God's blessing go with
us today,
At the end of this school year
we pray.
That you keep us safe and
give us rest
So we start again renewed
and refreshed.
Full of health, full of fun
Ready to come and learn
again.

May God's blessing go with us
today,
As we begin our school holiday.
Give your peace and your joy,
To every girl and every boy.
Help the teachers to enjoy the
break,
and prepare and plan for the
new intake.

May God's blessings await us
next year,
To embrace each new challenge
without fear.
Fill this school with your love,
and guide our hearts from above.
Full of faith, full of hope,
full of joy, and full of love.

Amen.