



Head-lines

Dear parents, pupils, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends; all members of the St Joseph's family! So here we are at the end of the academic year. I will hold this year dear as it is the end of my first official year as permanent Headteacher of our school. Looking back and reflecting, as with any period in our lives, there have been ups and downs - things which have gone well and I am proud of, and things which need to improve. But I truly mean it when I say that I would not change my job for any other - it really is the best job in the world! I always remember a Headteacher I used to work with explaining that as a class teacher she felt she could make a difference to the lives of 30 children, as a Headteacher she could make a difference to 230 (it was a much smaller school than ours!). That is the responsibility but the privilege of this job. I get to see 400 children thrive, grow and develop on a daily basis and hope you feel we are making a difference. As I explained when I was first appointed to this post, you may not agree with every decision I make, but please do be assured that every decision is made in the best interests of the children. I thank you for all of your support during this year and look forward to continuing to work with you next year in achieving my aim of making this the best school and experience for each and every child of the school. I wish you all a lovely Summer and look forward to catching up with you in September.

Best wishes

Mr Turner

Time to, say goodbye....

Each year we have the mixed emotions which come from saying goodbye to our Y6 leavers - sadness at saying goodbye to them, but joy and pride at seeing the wonderful young people they have grown to become and the achievements they have had over the years with us.



The class of 2018 - Charles, Gabriel, Ethan, Imogen, Jacob, Nathan, Chanae, Millie, Niamh, William, Cody, Fion, Matthew, Michael, Albin, Harry, Kayley, Macie, Mateo, Neha, Sofia, Ann-Maria, Finlay, James, Harry, Eva, Nathan, Joseph, Jessica, Andrew, Dominic, Katie, Alfie, Henry, Kyle, Cameron, Dominic, Charlotte, Sophie, Arwen, Amelia, Grace, Shea, Harry, Mae, Lilly, Charlotte, Phebe, Max, Anna, Lillie-Belle, Aaron and Alfie

From all of us at St Joseph's, we wish you the very best for the future, you have been an absolute delight and make us very proud. Goodbye and good luck.

This year we are also saying goodbye to two members of staff - Mrs Jones and Miss Dilworth.

Mrs Jones has worked in our nursery for many years and has been the welcoming start to life at St Joseph's for several generations of F1 children. Mrs Jones is leaving us this year to pursue other paths. On behalf of

pupils, parents and staff, past and present, I thank Mrs Jones for all of her hard work over the years and wish her every success for the future.

We also say goodbye to Miss Dilworth, although you may still see her for a few weeks in September! Miss Dilworth is embarking on a Degree course to

add to her extensive skill set. Her course starts mid September, so it's not quite goodbye yet! But I wanted to take this opportunity to also thank Miss Dilworth for all of her work and care for the children she has worked with over the years. I know both staff will be greatly missed.

KS2 SATs

Speaking of Y6 and all of their achievements, they worked so hard in the build up to their end of KS2 SATs. We couldn't have asked for more from them, and they did themselves proud. The data is yet to be confirmed, but the 'unvalidated' data for our KS2 is as follows (EX = Achieved the Expected Standard). Well done Y6!

	Reading at EX	Writing at EX	Maths at EX	EX RWM Combined
St Josephs 2018	83%	77%	81%	68%
St Josephs 2017	74%	72%	70%	58%
National 2017	72%	76%	75%	61%

Thank You!

During the course of the year, there are so many people who I need to thank. I so greatly value all of the work, help and support that comes from all of our school family. I would like to thank our school staff for all of their work during the year, the PTA for all of their activities and fundraising (over £2,000 raised during the Quiz and fair!), you, the parents and guardians for all of your support, and most of all, my thanks to the children for, well for just being their amazing selves!

Upcoming.....


Just to let you know about a few more projects planned for over the Summer break -

- I have secured another lottery grant, so will be having a few more pieces of equipment installed on our activity playground. These will have a fitness and health theme. I am looking at ways of altering the times for the day so that the KS1 children can also make more use of the activity playground.
- I am having some art work done on the front of our building windows, so hopefully should be done by September
- Joe, our mural artist will be in working on a few more pieces around the school. See what you can spot in September....

- * Uniform Update - I understand that many of you have gone to order ties and blazers from the Uniform Shop ready for September to be informed that the shop has run out of the initial stock they had. We have contacted them and they are replenishing their stock and these are due in over the next 2-3 weeks. You can still place your order and receive your items before September.

St Joseph's Academy Status.

Just to confirm that the change to Academy Status took place as planned at Midnight on 1st July. As we said, in terms of difference to the school, nothing much has changed! The biggest differences are how we receive finance, our DfE number, and that as we are now a 'new' school, we have no current Ofsted rating. We remain as St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, but just have an additional line - A Voluntary Academy.



Prayer to End a School Year

God of wisdom,
we thank YOU
for all the gifts you have given us
throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life,
for loving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people

As we come to the end of this school year,
we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

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