

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 1

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Welcome back to a new year at St Joseph's. I hope you all had a relaxing break with your children. They have all made an excellent start to the term; full of energy and enthusiasm to learn!

A special welcome to all our new starters – our Reception pupils and those who have joined us from other schools. Please remember that we have an 'open door' approach, so do not hesitate to speak to us about any concerns you may have.

This year, the children have decided that, as a school, we need to focus on seven key areas of improvement. We need your support at home to help us deliver these priorities.

The seven areas are:-

1. Being better Christians
2. Presentation of Work
3. Spellings & Punctuation
4. Lunchtimes
5. Times Tables
6. Behaviour
7. The Peace Garden

Our wonderful School Council will be producing an Improvement Plan to help us achieve our objectives.

Thank you to those of you who managed to attend our beginning of term year group meetings. Please work hard at home to support your child with their learning. Finding quality time to ensure a focused approach to priority learning such as reading, writing and wider enrichment opportunities is key to your child's success.

We look forward to another exciting and successful year ahead!

Yours sincerely

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P Sutton
Headteacher

STARS OF THE WEEK

RC	-	-
RS	-	-
1C		
1K	Mehansha	Pharrell
2J	Luana	Liam
2S	Aurora	Justin
3P	Whole Class	George
3W	Jennifer	James
4D	Whole Class	Natalie
4T	Anya & Rebecca	Michael & Isobel
5GP	Mary Anne	Zane
5P	Whole Class	Vienna
6B	Whole Class	Caroline & Haley
6W	Whole Class	Desmond

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Mara 5P – Grade 1 Dance with Merit
 Karol 3W – Polish School Certificate of Achievement at Summer Camp.
 Joseph 4T – Stage 2 Swimming Award
 Luke 3W – Learn to Swim Award – Grade 2
 Leon 2J – Completed Summer Reading Challenge, achieved Red Belt in Karate, 2nd in Team Kata and 3rd in individual Kata in Karate championships.

Well done children!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 28th Sept - Reception Information Meeting 7pm
- 11th/12th Oct - Open Evenings 4-7pm
- 20th Oct - Inset Day – School Closed
- 23rd/27th Oct - Half Term
- 9th Nov - SATs Information Meeting (Yr 6) 3.30pm

REMINDER

We are experiencing a high number of parents dropping in lunches, books, PE kits, etc Please ensure that your child comes to school with everything they need for the school day. Thank you

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please ensure that you inform the school of any changes in your child's medical needs and that all prescribed medicine to be kept in school is **IN DATE**.

Thank you

PARENTAL CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure that you advise the school office if any of your contact details have changed, i.e. home address, new work/mobile numbers, etc. Thank you.

This Wednesday's Word: **GENEROUS**

'Giving generously brings us closer to God'



Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return? Who do they know who is a generous person?

The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrong-doing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French, Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fay