

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

# A message from the Headteacher

I have great news to share.....

Yesterday myself and the Governors appointed Mrs Dixon to be our new Deputy Head teacher as from September 2017. Mrs Dixon went through a grueling interview process all morning, in front of a panel of five people and impressed us all with her Collective Worship, unseen task, her presentation and interview. We are so pleased for her and I am excited to be working with Mrs Dixon on a more permanent basis. The Year 6 SATs were published on Tuesday and I am delighted with everyone's results. These are the best results we've had for a long time. My thanks goes to the children for working so hard, Parents for supporting their children and of course Mr Breslin, Mrs Drake, Miss Maxwell and Mrs McStein who have taught them so very well. This, together with the fabulous 'Blast from the past' production which began this hugely successful week on Monday night was just fantastic. The amount of lines children memorized, the quality of dance and the volume of their singing was amazing. Everyone enjoyed it and found it both hilarious and moving - a difficult balance to strike. But they did it and I couldn't be prouder of our children and our staff. What a week! A good news week!

#### Friends Of St Joseph's

Please join us this Sunday 9th July around 11.30am for our annual Summer Fayre. More than ever, we need to raise money for school funds, given the Government's funding cuts and it is this event which is the biggest opportunity to do that. All the money raised is spent on our children.

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week.

Next week, to mark the  $2^{nd}$  and final week of Wimbledon, we will be selling little tubs of strawberries and ice cream every afternoon for 50p a tub. If your child would like one, they bring 50p in and give it to their Teaching Assistant.

### I have an idea, but I can't do it on my own...

Are there any parents/carers/staff who are willing to come into school on Wednesday or Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> August to help to paint the interior and exterior of our school?

It will be like **DIY SOS** with lots of bodies and paint brushes.

If anyone knows any tilers, or joiners or any tradesmen who are willing to give perhaps an hour of their time to help us, we would be extremely grateful.

I have created a 'wish list' of jobs to complete over the Summer break so that our school is bright and fresh for all our wonderful children when they come back on 5th September to start their new year.

It is only what they deserve. Unfortunately, we do not have the funds to complete half of my 'first' wish list (and our fabulous school is looking a little tired and jaded)

so I am relying on the good will and kind hearts of our lovely community - the family that is St Joseph's.

If you are interested please come to me and I'll share my ideas with you. Then if you feel there is something you could contribute come along to the meeting I will hold in the last week - in which we will finalise some plans. Date to follow.

#### <u>Dates for your diary</u>

Sunday 9th July Summer Fayre - 11.30am - approximately 3pm.

Monday 10th July Musical Extravaganza 6pm in the school hall.

Tuesday 11th July Meeting for Year 5 parents with Mr Dawson from St Mary's in school at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 12th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass in the school hall at 9.15am.

Thursday 13th July Year 1 Knowsley Safari school trip and Year 2's day out at Blackpool.

Thursday 13th July Sponsored event for Key Stage 2 Friday 14th July Sponsored event for Key Stage 1 - Please refer to letter sent home today. Wednesday 19th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall at 9.15am.

Please 'like' our FOSJ Facebook page - The more shares, comments and likes we get the better our communication becomes - thanks. FOSJ Bonus Ball: £25.00 Prize - Wednesday 5th July 2017 - Bonus Ball number 44 - lucky winner Mrs Dandy

## This weeks' Superstars/Lunchtime Friday Top Table

A very big well done to the following children who have being making an extra special effort, been a credit to themselves and have earned the most team points for their classes this week. As an added bonus 'Top Table' winners will earn an extra ten points for their team!!

Reception - Logan Seddon

Year One - Charlie McDermott Year Three - Kasia Kubacka

Year Two - James Daniel

Year Four - Ben Cohen

Year Five - Wilem Morrow

Year Six - Charlie Govin

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Sporting Fixtures for week beginning 10th July 2017

Wednesday - Multi - skills for Reception class

#### Quote of the week

A Year 6 girl said to me: "This week was fabulously fabulous as we started it with our opening production and finished with a bang as we have had the bests SAT's results ever!"

God Bless Miss M Daley