



**A short half term**

Pupils have been working really hard in the twenty two school days we have had since the Easter holiday and it has been lovely to enjoy the field at break times. Unfortunately the kitchen has been a lot quieter as Nicky, our cook, has been unwell and will be off work for a while. Please keep her in your prayers. The school is very fortunate that we have a fantastic assistant cook in Angela Hoare and the team have ensured normal service has been resumed.

**SATs are over!**

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have worked so hard in preparation of their SATs week. Year 2 pupils have also completed their SATs paper assessments which will help inform our judgements. Parents will be notified of their child's results in the annual report.

**Online Safety Newsletter**

Please find attached the summer 2019 parents/carers online safety newsletter form HfL which is well worth exploring.

**Musician & Recording Artist visit**

Ex St Joe's pupil, SuRie, (GB Eurovision 2018 entry) will be visiting the school after half term to lead a very special assembly showcasing her talents and answering questions from our pupils about the music industry.

**Sporting News**

St Joseph's love a penalty shootout! We kicked off our Summer Term with the K.A.S. football festivals. Our Year 3/4 team played brilliantly and were narrowly defeated in the final on penalties but were delighted with the runner up medals. Our Yr5/6 Silver team enjoyed an undefeated afternoon and won our first trophy of the year. Our Yr5/6 Gold team went for the more challenging approach and put us all through another penalty shootout in the final. This time we scored them all and won our second trophy. Well done to everyone involved – our best football of the season! Just the St Mary's Tournament left to display our talents...  
KS1 classes have this half term had some excellent dance sessions taught to them by a specialist dance teacher, with KS2 pupils receiving this next half term.

**Measles Outbreaks**

Although we have not been notified by parents or carers of any cases within our school, NHS England have asked all schools to circulate the following information regarding Measles: A number of children have been diagnosed with measles in the Luton, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire areas since March 2019 and we would like to make you aware of this. What is measles? Measles is a highly infectious disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash, sore red watery eyes and fever. Complications of measles can be serious and include ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea and brain infection. Measles presents more risk for people whose immune system is not working normally and pregnant women.

The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination. If you are unsure if your child is protected from measles, check with your doctor.

Your child is at greatest risk if they have not been immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine. If they have missed one or both of their doses of MMR vaccine contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment. If you or your child become unwell and think it could be measles you should see a doctor. You should ring the doctor or clinic beforehand, so they can make sure you do not pass the disease to others in the waiting room.

If you would like more information on measles visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Yours faithfully Cath Fenton, Consultant Lead Screening and Immunisation, NHS England

### **Rest in Peace** - George O'Neil and Christine Melia

This term we heard the very sad news of the death of George O'Neil, an ex St Joes pupil who left our school ten years ago this July. George was a popular, funny and talented pupil who starred in our district winning football team and went on to continue his love of maths, amongst other subjects, at St Mary's and university. His death has greatly affected the extended family of St Joseph's but I could not have been prouder of the way our old pupils celebrated his life since his passing and at the funeral.

This term we were sadly informed of the death of Christine Melia who some of you who are parents will remember as our school crossing patrol person for five years back in the days of Mr Stacey.

### **Prayer**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



(Mary, Mother of Jesus... by Pushpa Kunwar)

### **School Photographs**

The school photographers will be in school on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June to take class and team photographs. Please make sure your child comes in full uniform. If there are any sports kits at home please ensure they are washed and returned before Wednesday.

### **Mission Statement Awards**

- Cedar**      **Jeshua** – for remembering how important it is to be a caring Christian every day.  
**Brandon** – for always seeing the best in others and helping your friends feel happy about themselves.
- Elm**        **Oliver** – for always trying his best in our maths lessons and never giving up, even when something is a little bit tricky !  
**Alice**– for trying exceptionally hard to improve her listening and concentration skills this term.
- Fir**         **Isla** - for being helpful, caring and being a kind friend.  
**Oliver** – for being enthusiastic, hardworking and a fantastic role model.
- Hazel**      **Alexander** – for trying your best with your learning in all lessons.  
**Hannah** – for your outstanding effort and challenging yourself to be the best you can be.
- Maple**     **Karolina**– for her conscientious approach to all aspects of school life and for looking out for other members of the school community.  
**Elisha-Aryhana** – for always putting others before herself and for her resilient attitude towards all learning activities across the curriculum.

- Oak**            **Bartosz** – for being a great learning partner and for his kindness to others in the class.  
**Abbie** – for being a good 'friend' when others feel left out and for being an excellent role model.
- Pine**            **Fabio**– for being such a great role model. He is so well motivated and determined to succeed and is an inspiration to others.  
**Thomas**– for having a positive attitude to all aspects of all school life including his commitment to his learning and showing support to others.
- Sycamore**      **Conrad** – for always working to the best of his ability in class and on the sports field. He is an excellent role model for our school.  
**Cloideach** – for being a kind and supportive member of our class. She is a great team player.
- Willow**        **Tia**– for her delightful personality, attitude to school life and the way she represents the school with such pride.  
**Rafael** – for his calm, mature approach to all aspects of his learning. His engaging personality and caring nature are a real asset to the school.

#### **Dinner Money for Juniors**

**Please note: Dinner money must be paid in advance.** School meals are currently £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. If you wish to pay for the next half term in advance, the total cost until end of academic year is £96.20 (37 days). If you prefer, you can pay an amount of your choice to keep your balance in credit. Our preferred method of payment is online using the School Gateway system. If you are paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd. If you know your child is having days out of school due to school trips you will need to deduct £2.60 for each day they are not having lunch.

I wish you a wonderful half-term break.

Peter Coldwell  
Headteacher