



**Mission Statement Awards**

Congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's mission statement award last week for the October half term:

- Cedar      PEYTON – for noticing when someone needs help and doing what you can to help them in a caring way.  
LUCY – for her positive and smiley attitude every day, making Cedar class a cheerful place to be.
- Cherry      EMILY– for always making the right choices in school and being a fantastic role model to her class friends.  
LEO – for always following our school mission statement and trying his best in all areas of the curriculum.
- Elm      ELIZABETH – for being an excellent role model and showing kindness to her friends and others always.  
ROSIE-ANNE– for showing true resilience and determination in and out of the classroom.
- Fir      INDIA – for always having a smile on her face and for being a kind and helpful member of the class.  
DYLAN – for being a good friend to all and always thinking of others.
- Hazel      AGATA- for her kind and caring nature. She always follows the mission statement and is a great role model for others.  
POPPY– for her enthusiastic approach to school life and her willingness to help others. She sets a great example to all.
- Maple      SOPHIA– for being a kind and caring member of our school community and for always trying her best in lessons.  
PATRICK– for being a courteous and helpful member of Maple class who often puts others before himself.
- Oak      MAXIMILIAN– for his outstanding attitude towards his learning and for being a great learning partner.  
MIRIAM– for her gentle and caring attitude towards others in the class and for her enthusiastic approach to all class work.
- Pine      ELSIE– for her exemplary attitude towards her learning and her caring, loving nature to others.  
DYLAN– for setting a fantastic example to others in terms of his hard work and attitude towards his learning.
- Sycamore      CHLOE– for her enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life. She is an excellent learning partner.  
JOSEPH– for the effort, determination and perseverance he shows towards his learning and in improving his work.

Willow ELLA– for her hard work and determination to do her best in all aspects of school life.  
SOPHIE– for being a loving and caring friend. She has shown great maturity since returning to school.

### **Pupil Report Cards and Parent Consultations for Nursery to Year 6 pupils**

Teachers are currently completing this term's report card for you which will be distributed to you during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Parent consultations will take place online via remote link on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December and Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December (16.00-19.00 on both days).

You can book a slot with your child's class teacher on your chosen evening using our online appointment booking system. Just go to the school website and click on the yellow bookings link at the bottom of the screen on the right. You will be able to log in here and follow the onscreen instructions to make your booking. The booking system will be available from 8.00pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. We will be using online remote software provided by the booking system for the remote meetings with teachers. More details will follow.

### **Remote Learning Update**

We have provided work on the school website ready for any child that does have to self-isolate due to COVID-19. You can find the work under the pupils tab on the school website: <https://www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Pupils&pid=13>

### **Healthy Snacks at Break-time**

Currently we are signed up to the healthy schools programme and receive fruit and vegetables for our EYFS and KS1 pupils for their snack at break times. We do expect KS2 pupils to bring in a healthy snack for their break time also, i.e. 1 piece of fruit or vegetable, not crisps, chocolate bars or doughnuts. We really would appreciate your support in this matter as some children are going through massive sugar highs and then subsequent sugar lows during the school day which will have a negative effect on their learning and behaviour.

### **Dinner Money for Juniors**

**Please note: Dinner money must be paid in advance.** School meal prices are £2.70 per day, £13.50 per week. You may pay any amount of your choice to keep your balance in credit. Please pay online using the School Gateway system. All you need to do to activate an account is download the school gateway from your app store or visit the website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click new user. You will receive a message with a PIN number and you can use this to log in. Please be sure the school office has your up to date email and mobile phone number.

Two weeks' notice in writing to Nicky Thompson, our Catering Manager, is required for any changes in dietary pattern.

### **Reporting COVID-19 – Isolation or positive case**

Please do remember to let the school know by phone message or email if your child or your family is self-isolating and the outcome of any COVID-19 test.

### **Parish Dad's Group**

Please find attached an invitation from the Parish 'Dads group' regarding a new Catholic formation course, 'Sycamore', which will be running via Zoom for 4 weeks starting on 25th November 2020.

The 'Advent Course' consists of the following sessions:

Session 1: THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS (Wednesday 25th November, 7:30pm)

Session 2: A GOD WHO SPEAKS? (Wednesday 2nd December, 7:30pm)

Session 3: THE BIBLE (Wednesday 9th December, 7:30pm)

Session 4: THE POWER OF PRAYER (Wednesday 16th December, 7:30pm)

If you are interested in attending the course, please contact John Wright (johncharles.wright70@gmail.com) or David Wilkinson (wilkinsondavid@mac.com) or the Parish Office to register and obtain the Zoom login details.

**Prayer for those who Mourn**

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,  
with the comfort of your love  
that they may face each new day with hope  
and the certainty that nothing can destroy  
the good that has been given.

May their memories become joyful,  
their days enriched with friendship,  
and their lives encircled by your love.

Amen

(Vanessa Cobb Anderson)