



MISSION STATEMENT AWARDS – February 2023

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with the Head Teacher award this half term for actively living out our mission statement:

Cedar	Oliver - For being exceptionally kind to everyone, with all your heart. You show God's love every day. Ava - For being a good friend to everyone in Cedar Class and always seeing the best in others.
Cherry-	Reuben - For working hard in all his subjects and for living out the Mission Statement by being a kind friend. Myla - For having a positive attitude towards your work and for living out the Mission Statement by always showing kindness to others.
Elm	Tom - For a fantastic improvement in his writing and always making everyone in Elm Class smile! Nancy - For always living out our school mission statement and being a wonderful role model to her peers.
Fir	Sebastian - Sebastian has a thirst for learning and is keen to share his knowledge of the world, particularly in Science and History. Keep up the brilliant work. Tom - Tom has shown outstanding determination with his learning, always striving to achieve his best. He is a very caring and bubbly member of Fir Class who ensures that everyone is safe and has a smile on their face.
Hazel	Ocean - for being a cheerful, positive and caring member of the class. Phineas - for being a hard-working member of the class and living out the Mission Statement in the way he treats and values others.
Maple	Adam - For fully applying himself to all learning activities in order to achieve his upmost best and for his patient, kind and caring attitude towards all other members of our school community. Emma - For her use of impeccable manners when communicating with others in and around our classroom and for always looking out for those around her, often putting others before herself!
Oak	Aiden - for always trying his best. He readily accepts new challenges and displays a positive attitude to his work. He constantly strives to improve and live out the school mission statement each day to live, love and learn in a caring Christian community. Ayomide - for her motivation to improve and further her learning. Her resilient approach to her studies is admirable. She constantly strives to do her best in all areas of the curriculum.
Pine	Sean - for always trying his best and having a positive attitude. Shantelle - for being kind, thoughtful and a good friend to all.

Poplar	<p>Isabella - For her kind-heartedness to others and her determination to try her best. She lives out the Mission statement on a daily basis.</p> <p>Euan - For being such a helpful and kind learning partner and for his excellent understanding of his faith.</p>
Rowan	<p>Isla - For the excellent effort and attitude you are showing across the curriculum, particularly with multiplying fractions in maths.</p> <p>Archie Hunt - For your effort in class, particularly with your written work, and for working so hard with your organisation.</p>
Sycamore	<p>Alazne - For her selfless attitude and always thinking of others. You are a fine role model to others.</p> <p>Thomas - For the hard-work and perseverance he shows in each and every lesson.</p>
Willow	<p>Ethan - for being an incredibly hard-working young man, who always wants to achieve his best. To ensure he does this, he listens to all advice given and asks for guidance when needed. He is also a valued member of the Chaplaincy Team, and through this, actively lives out our school Mission Statement every day.</p> <p>Wioleta - for being a lovely and kind young lady, who looks out for everyone and always wants to be the best person she can be. She works incredibly hard in lessons, and will not give up when she finds new learning tricky. Her resilience and perseverance are admirable and it has been lovely to see her grow since September.</p>

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have taken part in the Place2Be children's mental health week. This year's theme was 'Let's Connect.' Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

Place2Be also provide practical parental advice to support children's wellbeing and behaviour. Topics include my child is anxious; sibling rivalries; meltdowns; the importance of boundaries; co-parenting; my child pushes my buttons and many more. The information can be found on this website:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Nursery Class 2023/24

The application process to apply for a school nursery place for September 2020 is now open. Please complete a school form, which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website. More information can be found on the school website under the admissions tab.

<https://tinyurl.com/2ecjuyan>

School lunches/Absences

If your child is absent from school and you have previously booked a lunch, please could you make sure you cancel their meal on the gateway. This is particularly important if your child is in year 3 and upwards as failure to cancel a meal will mean that parents will still be charged.

Please also make sure you inform the office of your child's absence as well as the class teacher. If you need to contact the office via email, please use the admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk address.

Today we say goodbye to Angela, our Kitchen Manager who is leaving us after many years at St Joseph's both as a parent and as kitchen staff. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her the very best in her new adventure.

Milk in School

Once your child reaches 5 years old they are no longer eligible for free school milk. If your child is 5 years or older and you would like them to continue receiving milk in school, please register and pay using the following link:

www.coolmilk.com/register

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is error, the truth;

where there is doubt, the faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.