



'Live, love and learn in a caring Christian community'

Newsletter 25th October 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy half term at St Joseph's; we are delighted to share some of our successes and achievements with you.

Classes of the Week

This fortnight, we have noticed the following classes setting a good example by lining up silently, being polite, walking around our school calmly, and making sure that they are taking pride in their appearance.

KS1: Cedar and Cherry

LKS2: Maple and Oak

UKS2: Poplar and Sycamore

Enjoy your class reward and keep up the good work!

Rosary

It was wonderful to see so many parents and children joining together to pray the Rosary on Wednesday mornings. There will be one more session on Wednesday 6th November at 8.40 in the studio – all are welcome.



Sports News

On Thursday 17th October ten children from Year 3 enter the BSP Tri Golf competition. Great fun was had by all and there was some excellent chipping and putting demonstrated! The team score was fantastic, with over 300 points scored!





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On Thursday 24th October ten members of Year 6 competed in the BSP Year 5/6 Basketball competition. Twelve teams competed and it was a very exciting afternoon with some exceptional teamwork and basketball skills. St. Joseph’s were the only team to win every match and we also scored the most baskets! As a result, we were overall winners and will, for the first time ever, be competing against all the best schools in Hertfordshire in the County finals in November! Amazing result, well done team.



Next half term we have a Tag Rugby competition for Year 5/6, a Cricket competition for Year 3/4 and of course the Basketball.

House Points for this half term:

- St Anthony: 3,490
- St Margaret Clitherow: 2,390
- St Oscar Romero: 2,121
- St Bernadette: 2,681
- St Pope John Paul II: 2,254

Congratulations to the children in St Anthony; you will receive your surprise reward the week after half term!

Awards Assembly

Following feedback from many parents, we have changed the format of our awards assembly to allow each child to receive public recognition once each academic year. Each half term, six children from each class will be acknowledged for their efforts to live out our school rules and for trying hard to act in a ‘saintly’ way.

S	Safe choices and listening.
A	Always remembering to be honest, kind and gentle.
I	I do the best I can, and I help others to do the same.
N	Noticing and acting when someone needs help.
T	Treating ourselves, our community and our property with respect.
S	St Joseph’s is a place where we follow in Jesus’ footsteps.

This half term, we say a huge ‘well done’ to the following children:

S	Amelia, Joao, Sedem, Theo, Vincent, Helia, Eoghan, Alice, David, George H, Emily D, Tilly
A	Lottie, Mila, Gabriella, Jerome, Giorgia, Theo, Daphne, Seth, Phinneas, Nina, Joshua, Dylan
I	Enfys, Kevin, Maggie, Emilia, Eliza, Elbe, Josie, Bruce, Andrew, Davi, Max B, Ziva
N	Daniel, Zoe, Tiffany, Fred, Eddie, Ted, Rebekah, Megan, Ann, Rafael, Taron, Ida
T	Casey, Ruby, Lewis, Penelope, Eva, Millie, Sophie, Cillian, Alice, Emily M, Shantelle, Max S
S	James, Matei, Raphael, Victoria, Aiden, Alex, Francois, Nancy, Olivia, Ben, Ciaran, Raymon



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School Website:

I hope that you have all had the opportunity to take a look at our new website, and that you have found it easier to navigate and informative. The ‘learning’ section is still being updated, and we look forward to sharing new photographs and information about the children’s learning after half term.

Key dates for November and December:

Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th November: Open Day for prospective parents

Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st November: Parents’ Evening*

*Further information regarding booking slots will follow

Wednesday 27th November: School Association Movie Night

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December: Year 1 Advent liturgy for parents

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December: EYFS Christmas show for parents

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December: Year 2 Nativity for parents

Tuesday 17th December: School Association Christmas Disco

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day – we will be collecting items for the food bank on this day.

Friday 20th December: End of Term (1.30pm)

A child’s prayer for peace:

God of love,

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.

Instead of hatred, let there be love.

Shelter your children and protect us.

Guide us and keep us from harm,

so we can build a world of love and live our lives in peace.

Amen



I wish you all a restful half-term, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

Ann Cassidy-Jones
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