



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy few weeks at school and it has been wonderful to see the different opportunities that the children are experiencing. I have loved walking around the classrooms and seeing all of the learning that is taking place.

Last week, our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl, alongside two of our School Council Representatives, went to St George's Cathedral for the Beginning of Year Mass. They were incredibly responsible and they were a real credit to the school. They have started the year well as great ambassadors for St Joseph's.

The four pupils have written a short reflection on their experience below:



On Tuesday 10th September, we travelled to St George's Cathedral where we met Archbishop John Wilson. We went to celebrate mass for the beginning of the new school year. During the mass, Archbishop John gave us a message to take back to school. "If we pray for him, he will pray for us." This was his first big mass as the Archbishop at the Cathedral. We all enjoyed the mass and we hope that we will have more opportunities to visit places like this in the future.

By Oma, Llewellyn, Beverley and Jahbarrie

(Year 6)

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Dear Parents and Pupils,

We are very happy that we have been nominated as Head Boy and Head Girl at St Joseph's this term. We will be representing the school at different events and we will be meeting with Miss Doherty and Mrs Blyde when making decisions in school. We will write soon with further updates.

Best wishes,

Jahbarrie and Beverley

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year, we have been nominated as the Year 6 School Council Reps. Our aim is to make everyone feel welcome in St Joseph's. This half term, we will look at our vision and our key aim to continue to improve our school, not just for us, but for the whole community. Please see future newsletters for more information.

Oma, Llewellyn Blessing and Williamson.

On Tuesday, Margaret Mizen came to visit us to join us for assembly. Margaret spent much of the morning with Year 5, sharing her truly inspiring story and working alongside our pupils. When Margaret spoke, I was reminded of that fateful Saturday in 2008, when Jimmy Mizen was tragically killed, the day after his sixteenth birthday. The warmth and peace in which Margaret spoke about what happened to her son was striking and it felt a real honour to stand alongside her to thank her for the work that is being done in Jimmy's memory. Our students have gained such a great deal from the mentors that led the sessions in previous years and we are very fortunate that they will be working with our Year 5 class this year. Margaret's compassion for her son's murderer and her plight for forgiveness is remarkable. She spoke to Key Stage Two in assembly about our need for hope, peace and forgiveness. This really is an extraordinary charity, founded by an extraordinary family.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see so many families return to school wearing the correct uniform. Please remember that blue shirts are not part of the uniform and all pupils should be wearing the **school polo-shirt**. Black skirts are not school uniform and all **skirts should be grey in colour**.

Our new PE bags have arrived in school and it has been great to see so many families buying them so soon. The children can now bring in their PE kits on a Monday and leave them in school until Friday. Please remember that if your child (Y1-Y6) do not have their PE kit in school, they will be unable to take part in their PE lesson.

As the weather changes in the next few weeks, your children will need to have a **plain navy tracksuit**. This needs to have no logos and no hooded jumpers. Thank you.

If you would like to have a paper copy of the newsletter each fortnight, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

What is happening next week:

Tuesday	Year 1 visit the library Choir Football
Wednesday	Year 4 swimming AHOY (after school club)
Thursday	Year 4 St Barnabas visit the library Dance Club
Friday	Year 5 Visit the library

Best Wishes



Miss Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)



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