



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to be back in school this week and spend time with your children. It has also been great to see so many of you at our parents' evenings this week. Thank you to the many parents who completed a questionnaire. We will share the findings in the next newsletter. If you were not able to attend one of these evenings, your child's class teacher will be contacting you to make an alternative appointment. It is so important that we are able to share the work and progress with you so that we can work together.

This morning, Year 6 St Peter's class led us beautifully in our All Saints' Mass. They really did rise to the challenge and they read and sang with reverence and respect. Thank you, Year 6.

On Tuesday, Year 5 completed their sessions with For Jimmy. We were honoured by Margaret Mizen visiting us again at St Joseph's to spend her final session with Year 5. Margaret is a true inspiration and listening to her talk to our pupils is a real privilege. I cannot thank the Mizen family enough for the work that they do for our children. Their message is so important. 'For you. For me. For Jimmy.' Please do keep them in your prayers.

On Wednesday, the school council representatives and our Head Boy and Head Girl visited The Houses of Parliament. The pupils were true ambassadors for St Joseph's and they were a delight



to take on this school visit. All of the pupils asked very thought-provoking questions and our guide was thoroughly impressed with them all. It was a busy time in The Houses of Parliament on Wednesday and the House of Commons was in full debate while we were there.

There are photos being displayed on the monitor in the lobby area. Please do take a look.

The weather has certainly begun to change and the children will need to have an **outdoor PE kit** in school from now on. All children will need a **plain navy tracksuit**, no hooded jumpers or logos allowed. Often, the pupils will stay in their PE kit for either breaktime or lunchtime, depending on the timing of their PE lesson. All classes from Year 1 upwards will be having two PE lessons each week and they will need to have access to a full PE kit, indoor and outdoor PE kits, in school from Monday to Friday. Please ensure that they are in the children's boxes all week in order for them to take part.

A number of children are bringing in unhealthy snacks in their packed lunches. Please remember to provide a healthy packed lunch rather than adding crisps or biscuits at lunchtime. Water is the only drink allowed. Please leave any juices or flavoured drinks at home. Thank you.

I have seen some fabulous work from your children this week. It is always a privilege to send a positive note home or give out a Headteacher's Award.

*Dates for your diary for November:*

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 St Luke visiting the Library
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 swimming
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 St Peter visiting the Library
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Assembly Year 2 St Mary Class visiting the Library
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Dogs Trust workshops
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Dogs Trust Workshops Year 1 St David visiting the Library
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 swimming
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Mass Year 4 St Barnabas visiting the Library
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 St Thomas visiting the Library
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 St Francis visiting the Library
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 swimming <b>Parent Workshop KS2 Maths 9:00am</b> <b>Parent Workshop EYFS and KS1 Phonics 2:30pm</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 2 Class Mass Year 4 St Anthony visiting the Library
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly Reception St Anne visiting the Library
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 St Mary visiting the Library
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 swimming
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Class Mass Year 6 St Peter visiting the library
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council visiting Civic Centre Year 6 St Luke visiting the Library <b>Parent Workshop KS2 Reading 9:00am</b> <b>Parent Workshop EYFS and KS1 Reading 2:30pm</b>



Thank you for your continued support

Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)



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