



Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for their support this year! We have had another very successful year and have continued to strengthen many of our partnerships. We say goodbye to a number of our families this year as our oldest children move onto pastures new. We wish Y6 and all of our families who are starting new chapters in September the very best of luck.



On behalf of all of the staff and governors at St Joseph's I wish all of our families a wonderful summer holiday and we hope everyone enjoys the break and we look forward to seeing our pupils back in September.

Goodbye and Good Luck

This week we say goodbye to Mr Branscombe. Mr Branscombe has been with us for five years and is about to embark on his new chapter. We wish him the very best of luck in his new role and thank him for the dedication he has given to St Joseph's.



Thank You

This year our Mini Vinnies and School council have worked tirelessly, giving up their own time to help others. We would like to thank them for all of their contributions and for fulfilling their mission so effectively this year.

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers who have helped in school this year. Mrs Barraclough, Mr Capitano, Mrs Flannery, Mrs Rushton, Mrs Stoney and Mrs Warrilow. Their support has been invaluable and we are very grateful for their time.

Back Pack Project – Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies would like to make a final plea to our families to join in the back pack project. Please send in any completed back packs into school by Friday 20th July. Thank you to our families who have donated back packs.

End of Year Reports

Can I please urge any parents who have not yet returned their comment forms from their child's school reports, to hand these in at the school office. Thank you.

Catholic Care – Refugee Competition

During Refugee week, all of our children learnt about refugees around the world and linked much of their learning to this topic across different areas of the curriculum. A 'Poem of Hope' competition was organised by Catholic Care and the winning pieces of work will be showcased

at a number of future events across the diocese. Well done to our year 6 children who were announced as our winners. We will be announcing these this week at the leavers' assembly on Friday. The quality of work from all of our pupils was excellent!

SVP Food Bank Appeal

The Mini Vinnies are asking our families to help replenish some of the supplies at the SVP foodbank which is currently running very low. Attached is the appeal from the SVP, please give what you can to help those in need over the summer holidays.



Infection Prevention Competition

On Monday this week, three judges visited our school to judge our pupil hand washing posters. The posters were absolutely fantastic and choosing the winning posters proved to be a very challenging task!





All of our winners will have their posters laminated and displayed around school.

Well done to Amelia and Amber who were our overall winners who will have their posters professionally printed and displayed in a number of locations around Leeds! We look forward to seeing the finished products.

House Winners

Well done to Fountains who are our overall winning house in school this year! They will have their reward and treat day on Friday this week!

Attendance

St Joseph's Annual School Attendance this year is 96.5%. This is above the national average of 96% but below the school target of 97%.

School Bags

The cloakrooms spaces are very small and unfortunately is not big enough to accommodate ruck sacks. Please could all children bring a school book bag and draw string bag from September. Hoodies and trainers can be kept in school. This will ensure the cloakrooms are less congested and much safer. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Race for Life – St Joseph's Running Crew

On Sunday some of our members of staff along with Caitlin completed the Harrogate 5k Race for Life. Thank you to all of our supporters for their donations. In

total, with the school donation page and the staff's personal donation pages we raised over £1,100! Thank you to everyone for their support for this fantastic charity!



Please note that school finishes at 1:30pm on Friday 20th July.

Important Dates

Monday 3rd September – school opens

Friday 7th September – FOSJ meeting computer suite

Saturday 15th September – 6pm family mass at church

Important Dates 2018-19

Friday 7th December 2018 – St Joseph's Christmas Fair

Saturday 22nd June 2019 – 'Jofest' on the school field, celebrating 50 years of St Joseph's!

Friday 5th July 2019 – Sports Day (& BBQ)

Friday 12th July 2019 – Sports Day reserve

Please continue to check out the school calendar on the school website. This includes lots of important dates including the school training days and holidays. Please also note that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time.

FOSJ

We have been very lucky to have such a hard working, enthusiastic and dedicated team of FOSJ members. They have worked tirelessly for many years to raise valuable funds for our pupils. For this we would like to thank them! I would like to thank Mrs Dibdin, Mrs Magill, Mrs Towse and Mrs Shepherd who have met with myself, organised and coordinated many events and This year.

Thank You!

This week, after MANY years on the FOSJ, Mrs Dibdin (our chair) and Mrs Magill will step down as their children move onto secondary school. We have been very lucky to have such fantastic volunteers and we would like to thank them for all that they have done for the school!



We welcome new committee members onto the FOSJ from September and we are pleased to be able to announce the new roles within the FOSJ

Mrs Airey – Chair
Mrs Antony – Vice Chair
Mrs Warrilow – Treasurer (will be working closely with Mrs Shepherd)

Friday 7th September 9am – FOSJ meeting in the computer suite.