



Heat Wave

As temperatures reached 40 degrees this week and once again, we were faced with unprecedented times, the whole school community adapted our plans and pulled together to ensure the safety of our children. The children coped remarkably well, followed all the instructions given to them and were extremely sensible throughout. We are very proud of them all!

Happy Holidays!

As we approach the end of the school year, we can reflect on what has been an extremely successful year. We have been blessed with much more consistency and have enjoyed a full academic year with no school closures. It still hasn't been without its challenges as we have continued to experience high levels of staff and pupil absences at times, but, together, we have overcome these challenges and we can be extremely proud of what we have achieved. The children have given their very best efforts, have accessed a range of opportunities across the year and their development, progress and achievement must be celebrated. Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support in your child's learning and development journey and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

We wish our Y6 pupils all the very best as they embark on their new chapter and move onto their secondary schools. It's a time that bring mixed emotions, and a time that marks new beginnings. The children can be so proud of all they have achieved during their time at St Joseph's, their resilience, determination and drive to achieve has been excellent. Their end of year production and liturgy has been a perfect celebration and reflection on their time here at St Joseph's. Huge congratulations to you all...and wishing you all the luck in the world!



We also wish the small group of other children who are moving onto new schools in September. We hope our children settle quickly, build up lots of lovely new friendships and continue to thrive in their new settings. We also wish the staff that are moving onto pastures new, all the very best in their new roles, and homes! Good luck!

Canon Nunan

You will now be aware that Canon Nunan is retiring and will be leaving the parish over summer. We wish Canon Nunan all the very best in his new home and look forward to keeping in touch with him. He has been such a wonderful support to all our children, staff and parents over the many years that he has been at St Joseph's parish, and we give thanks to Canon for all his support and care over the years.

Goodbye and Thank You to Deacon Charlie

You may also be aware that Deacon Charlie is leaving the parish this summer. Deacon Charlie has offered much support to our children over the year, through liturgies in school, leading assemblies and during services at church. We would like to thank Deacon Charlie and wish him and his family all the very best in their new home.

Statement of the Week

I can show I respect others.

Important Dates:

18.07.22 Children's First Aid Training
 18.07.22 Katangi Assembly
 20.07.22 Y6 Performance to parents
 21.07.22 Y6 Leavers' production to whole school
 21.07.22 Y5 drumming performance
 22.07.22 Leavers' Liturgy 9.30am
 School closes 1:30pm

05.09.2022 Training Day
 06.09.2022 School reopens

DSLs – please see our website for details of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss L Milivojevic
 Mrs J Ward
 Mrs J Hodgson
 Mrs N Frost
 Miss R Collier (also online safety officer)



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Welcome to Mgr Andrew Summersgill

In the new academic year, we welcome Fr Andrew Summersgill to the parish. We have already met with Fr Andrew, and we have plans to hold a beginning of the new school year mass in school in the first few weeks of September. We will share more details in September. I know you will join us in welcoming Fr Andrew to the parish and welcoming him to his new home.

Thank You to our Volunteers

This year we have been truly blessed to have many volunteers coming into school to support with readers, sports, group learning, events, trips, swimming, leading talks/workshops, and we are so thankful to each and every one of our volunteers who bring so many enhancements to our curriculum. Thank you for giving up your time to share your knowledge, expertise and skills with our children. Working in partnership can be seen on so many levels at St Joseph's and we are very grateful to all our volunteers who have supported our children this year! Thank you!

FOSJ

This year the FOSJ have Thank you to our chairs: Mrs Barraclough, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Marshall, and to our secretary Mrs Kelly and to Mrs Alderson; all of whom have worked tirelessly alongside the class reps and other members of the FOSJ to raise a phenomenal amount of money for our children's enhancements.

KS2 Girls' Football

Huge congratulations to our KS2 girls from Y3, Y4 and Y5 who played in a football tournament last week. The children played at Goals in Kirkstall and played against a number of different schools on a particularly hot day. The children's effort was outstanding and they played incredibly well together. They all represented the school incredibly well and can be very proud of themselves. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supporting on this trip.

Outstanding Contribution Award

Well done to this term's winner of the Outstanding Contribution Award. This was awarded to Amelia in Year 5 for her continuous outstanding contributions across the board. This is for her positivity, kindness, genuine caring nature and for being so helpful to everybody. Well done, Amelia.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are over the moon to have been chosen as one of only 10 schools across Leeds to take part in the Enhanced Summer Reading Challenge. Across Leeds, all schools are invited to join in with the Reading Challenge and so far, we are joint first (alongside Leeds Grammar School) for the number of children signed up for the summer reading challenge which is a wonderful start to the summer! If your child has not yet signed up, we encourage you to do so. The children throughout school have made fantastic progress in their reading this year, and ensuring your child continues to read over the summer will support their success in reading when we come back to school in September. Promoting a love of reading and reading for pleasure is something we are passionate about at St Joseph's and we thank you for your support with this. More details of how you can support your child with reading at home, can be found on our school website.

Children's First Aid Training

This week, our children from reception to Y6 were trained in basic first aid. These life saving skills and essential knowledge are vitally important and whilst we hope our children don't ever need to use these skills, we hope that should they ever find themselves in a position that they do, that they are able to use what they have been taught. Our aim is that within our curriculum, we continue to revisit this learning and we would encourage you to talk to your children about the skills they have learnt in their training.



*Hold my hand, God,
lead the way,
Help me be good every day.
Let me know what's wrong and right and keep me safe day and night.
Let me know what you have planned.
Lead the way God, hold my hand.
Amen*



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Old Over-Sized Shirt (DT & Art Activities)

Next year, we will be inviting each child to bring an old, over-sized shirt into school to be kept here to wear during art and DT activities. We will write to you in the new academic year but wanted to give you advance notice of this.

Katangi Assembly

This week the children had a visit from Jim and Jackie, who are parishioners at St Joseph's and who work tirelessly to support the orphans in Katangi to provide a better quality of life for them. This includes education for children, clothing, building schools, paying for secondary education for children, providing food and clean water, and much more. Kim and Jackie talked to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Next year, we will continue our partnership with Katangi and learn more about the impact the charity has on the people of Katangi.

Y5 Drumming Performance

The whole school, and Y5 parents/carers, enjoyed an incredible performance that our Y5 children have been preparing for. All year, Y5 have been learning to play the Dhol drum and learning about the history and origins of this drum, which comes from Punjab in India. Their performance was excellent and the children showed that they can play in an ensemble, keeping in time with each other. Well done to our Y5 pupils for their superb performance!

After School Club

Thank you to the parents/carers who offered suggestions to explore regarding the afterschool club following the most recent letter that was sent out on 15th June 2022. We have explored all these suggestions (where we had not already looked into them), and unfortunately, we are still in the same position. We will continue to advertise for the vacancies and continue to hold out hope of some time in the future being able to offer an after-school club here once again at St Joseph's.

2022 End of KS2 SATS results:

	Reading		Maths		Grammar		Writing	
	At Standard	Greater Depth						
St Joseph's	97%	43%	93%	37%	90%	23%	83%	17%
National	74%		71%		72%		69%	

The children gave their very best efforts, worked hard to close their gaps in learning and reach their very best potential. The results were superb, and the children can be incredibly proud of themselves. Well done to our Y6 children!

Food Bank

Wetherby and District Foodbank would like to remind all families that you can access support and a 3-day food parcel through the school holidays if you are struggling. 'We offer a welcoming environment at our Distribution Centre at the Barleyfields Centre in Wetherby, 10am-11.30 Tuesdays and Fridays, and 10.30am-12.30pm on Saturdays. If you are unable to get to our centre, we can discuss your needs over the phone and deliver your food parcel on Tuesdays and Fridays - please just give us a call. We are also providing period products free of charge to anyone who needs them, with or without a voucher. You can access free advice and a food voucher from the free Help through Hardship helpline, on 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, closed on public holidays) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. To find out more about the foodbank please visit our website <https://wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk> or call or text us on 07840 455725. Our support is not means tested, and we provide a friendly welcome to anyone who needs us'.

