



## Statement of the week:

"We are all special."

## Beginning of year mass

Canon Nunan will be celebrating mass in school this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30. Mr Birch will be playing at this mass and all parents are welcome to attend.

## New National Curriculum

One of the new subjects due to be introduced this term will be a Modern Foreign Language (MFL). This will be for all KS2 children and we will be teaching French. I have employed two French teachers and they will be teaching each Thursday afternoon.

## Welcome

I would like to welcome Mrs Reddix (FS1) and Miss Rowe (FS2) to St Joseph's School. I am certain that they will be happy and successful in our school and that they will make outstanding contributions to the lives of the children in their care.

## Mrs Velvick

Mrs Velvick would like to thank all the parents for the kind thoughts, words and gifts that she received at the end of term. She also wished to thank everyone who contributed to the fund to support a young student in Africa to train to teach.

Mrs Velvick is an outstanding practitioner, a loyal and dedicated supporter of St Joseph's and a wonderful lady. Although we will miss her very much we wish her all the best for a wonderful and well deserved retirement.

## Mrs Southby

Unfortunately Mrs Southby will be unable to continue with her keyboard and vocal tuition at St Joseph's due to a change in personal circumstances.

## Year 4 whole class instrumental tuition

Starting next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September the whole of Year 4 will be learning to play the ukulele. We have employed a music teacher from Artforms and school is paying for the hire of the instruments. We hope that this will prove to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for the class and if successful we can look to rolling whole class musical instrument provision to other classes in the school.

## Handball

This September school will fund for 8 weeks a handball session for KS2 on a Thursday 3.15-4.15 starting with Year 6 for two weeks. The sessions will be free to parents but hopefully will encourage participation once the free sessions come to an end.

Year 6 September 11<sup>th</sup>/September 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 September 25<sup>th</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October

Year 4 October 9<sup>th</sup>/October 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 October 23<sup>rd</sup>/November 6<sup>th</sup>

## Mrs Stevens

I have informed the Year 4 parents that Mrs Stevens has left St Joseph's and that she is returning to her previous profession. I would like to wish her all the very best for the future and I have thanked her for her hard work and dedication in her time at the school. We are very fortunate that Mrs Mallory can take the class at the moment and the governors will start the recruitment process at the earliest opportunity.

## School Uniform

During the holidays we had new carpets fitted into the Key Stage 2 classrooms and Mr Neilson painted the classrooms. Please could you ensure that your child has indoor black pumps so that we can keep the school environment clean and tidy? I am aware that there are times when pumps are not in stock or broken or for medical reasons other footwear is required. Thank you.

## New Entrance

We have been successful in our bid for funding from the Diocese and are now in a position to finance building work for a new modern entrance to the school. The work will hopefully start in October/November and we will be building a new path and erecting a safety fence in order that pupils and parents can access a new gate at the top of the car park. Work will not commence to the new entrance area until the path way is built and safe and secure paths and fences have been completed. I will keep you informed with progress.

## Nut Allergy

We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy and therefore ask that you do not send anything into school with your child that contains any type of nut, thank you for your cooperation.

## Contact Information

Please let the school office know if you have changed your telephone number or email address.