

23rd July 2019

Dear Parents & Friends

Congratulations to all our pupils on progress made and for achieving successful outcomes this year. The year has flown past and I have enjoyed my first year as Headteacher of the school. I am delighted with the results achieved, please do take time to read our results on the next page. Congratulations to St Catherine's House for winning the cup with the most point this year.

Our children continue to do us proud, enthusiastically engaging in a variety of events including maths, general knowledge and science quizzes, a range of sporting competitions, debating forums around current affairs, art workshops and story writing competitions. At St Joseph's we are committed to providing our pupils with experiences that will deepen their knowledge, whilst developing a life long love for learning. With your continued support and engagement, we aim to further extend our pupils' learning experiences outside the classroom. Thank you for the many positive comments shared this year and for your suggestions on how we can further improve. Next year is going to be an exciting time around curriculum development and our continued success will rely on pupil voice, with parents and school working closely together.

Do please make time to visit our school website to read our news posts and view the many photographs of events held this year. Children have enjoyed a range of trips and last week Year 6 performed 'Grease' as their end of year performance. They were spectacular, performing with enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyed every moment. They have achieved strong results and I am confident that they will continue to thrive as they move onto the next stage of their learning journey. We had the pleasure of welcoming our new parents and pupils at our 'New to Reception' meetings together with new families joining in other year groups.

Congratulations to all pupils who achieved 100% attendance, you really are amazing to achieve this. I took great pleasure in signing each certificate and hopefully next year we can increase the number of children achieving this. The children have been amazing this week throughout the various celebration and farewell assemblies held. On Monday, Francis Adyepong a former Olympian and professional athlete delivered a highly motivational speech to our children about aiming high and getting involved in sporting activities. He presented the Victor and Victrix Ludorum awards to Ruben and Elisa from year 6 and runner up awards to Ewan and Lena. These trophies are given to pupils who have consistently represented the school for a vast range of sports throughout the year. Congratulations to the winners and runners up for enthusiastically committing to all sports.

I am thrilled to announce that we have an 'Active Hero' on our staff and she is Mrs Mangan. Mrs Kelly nominated Mrs Mangan for her contribution towards promoting sports for all children and giving them the opportunities to engage in a range of sporting activities. Mrs Mangan is without doubt one of the most talented and committed professionals I have had the pleasure to work with. She gives generously of her time and she is the main reason why we have such an active and thriving sporting curriculum in St Joseph's school. Mrs Mangan attended a special event held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London to receive her award. She was fortunate to meet many celebrities, including Dame Paula Radcliffe and Dame Tanni-Grey Thompson, both famous Olympians and medal winners. Congratulations Mrs Mangan and thank you for all you do for us and your endless energy and enthusiasm.

Please do visit our website and view our picture gallery.

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My thanks to the PTA for their hard work throughout the year and for giving generously of their time. Their first meeting in the autumn term will be on the 12th September 2019 so please do keep an eye out for details when we return. The PTA are all volunteers and have work commitments, but always make time to support the school. They welcome new members, so please do give them your contact details and volunteer to help. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Caitlin and her family who will be returning to Australia. Caitlin has been an active and enthusiastic member of the PTA and we are really going to miss her, but wish her and all the family much happiness. I am sure she will keep in touch and hopefully visit on her return.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all of you for your good wishes, kind comments, prayers and gifts. It is our joy and privilege to be part of the St. Joseph's community and to nurture and teach your children. Working in education today is challenging, but we are fortunate to be blessed with wonderful resilient children. It is with sadness that we say good bye to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Carter, Mrs Whyte, Ms Harrod, Miss Bickmore, Miss McVeigh, Miss Riviere-Price and Mrs Koranteng who will be leaving. Mrs Stylianou will be retiring after twenty years of teaching at the school and leaves with many happy memories to treasure. We thank them all for their dedication to the school and wish them all success and happiness for the future. We look forward to welcoming our new staff in September; Ms De Melo, Ms Ugbo, Ms Chruschiak, Mrs Winters, Mrs McKeever, Mr Abrahams and Mrs Johnson.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new full time school business manager, Mr Navarro and a Deputy Headteacher Mrs Gallagher. We are very fortunate to have appointed new staff who have a vast range of experiences and I am sure they will have a great impact on the school as we travel on the next step of our school development.

Thank you for continued support and I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break. School begins on Thursday, 5th September 2019 at 8.45 a.m. for pupils in Year 1 to 6. Pupils should return to school in their winter uniform. (please refer to the attached link for a full list of uniform)

<http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/key-information/school-uniform/>

Please do remember that children should have smart and conventional hairstyles and it is not permitted for children to have signs, lines or any other patterns sculpted into their hair. Please also remember that beads are not allowed for safety reasons and that long hair must be tied back. Our children are ambassadors for the school in the wider community and when they look smart in full school uniform, it presents a good image.

I wish you a very happy summer break. Remember to keep reading, have fun and enjoy spending time as a family. Please do try to send us a postcard from your holiday destination so that we can display them as part of our Geography curriculum.

*Remember, school closes at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd July and re opens on
Thursday, 5th September at 8.45 a.m.
I look forward to seeing you in September.*

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

Have a great

VaCaTion!

I am delighted to report that our KS1 and KS2 SATS results continue to be strong and reflect the hard work and supportive links developed between home and school. The results are as follows:

KS1 results (end of Year 2)	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science	Combined (reading, writing and maths)
ARE (age related expectations)	74%	65%	72%	78%	65%
GDS (greater depth) - above average	30%	22%	28%	Pupils are not assessed for GDS at the end of KS1	13%

KS2 results (end of Year 6)	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science	Grammar, punctuation & spelling	Combined (reading, writing and maths)
ARE (age related expectations)	76%	73%	86%	86%	90%	63%
GDS (greater depth)- above average	29%	11%	35%	Pupils are not assessed for GDS at the end of KS2	47%	14%

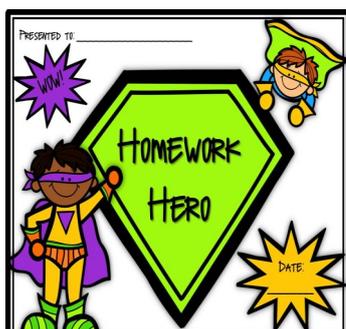
PHONICS SCREENING	% PUPILS ACHIEVING EXPECTED STANDARD
Year 1	90%
By the end of Year 2	91%

Pupils achieving good levels of development (GLD)
71%

We anticipate that the results will be at least in line with National averages or in many subjects above. Our priorities for the next academic year will be around writing across the school and developing our whole school curriculum to ensure pupils have greater opportunities to apply their core skills. A new initiative 'Votes for schools' has been introduced this year and promotes speaking and listening skills related to discussion of topics in the news. Our aim for next year is to link this to writing and give pupils more opportunities to write for a range of purposes. Unfortunately, owing to a dip in writing, our combined attainment (pupils need to pass in reading, writing and maths to achieve combined age-related expectations) has dropped compared to 2018. However, we are confident that this can and will be addressed next year.

Congratulations to all our pupils for achieving great results. We look forward to next year to further improve to ensure improved attainment in writing which will result in higher attainment for combined subjects

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK



Homework tasks have been emailed to all year groups, so please ask your child's class teacher or visit the website if you have not received an email. It is important to read regularly over the summer break and help your child to keep their maths skills sharp. There are a number of other enjoyable activities, so please do try and complete them.

