



6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

*Enterprise is the ability to be innovative, to be creative, to take risks and to manage them, to have a can-do attitude and the drive to make ideas happen.*

## ENTERPRISE CURRICULUM



Dear Parents

### Enterprise curriculum

The children have returned from half term, focused and keen to engage with our new topic for the second half of the autumn term, which is Enterprise.

Each class from Nursery to Year 6 will engage in the Enterprise curriculum. It involves children setting up a business to raise funds for their class. Children have to create products to sell and a percentage of the money raised will be donated to an agreed Charity and a percentage will go towards a school and class project. The purpose of Enterprise is to help children to learn about financial planning and support valuable life skills.

Children will work together and learn about financial planning, costings profit and loss. This curriculum further supports applying maths skills and writing for a purpose. Children will be creating posters, leaflets and other persuasive pieces of work. So please do ask your child about their work and do support their fundraising activities

### Uniform

A number of parents have asked about lost property and concerns they have about missing uniform. Please do clearly mark every item of uniform as it will help staff to return lost property to the correct person. Please do check your child's uniform and ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. If your child has mistakenly brought another child's item of uniform home, please return it to the class teacher.

Please remember that all children should be wearing the school coat and not an alternative even if it is a burgundy coat. We will be sending out a questionnaire shortly to gather your views on uniform.

### Parking

Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints from local residents about some of our parents parking inconsiderately and with a lack of care and attention to everyone's safety. **Please do not park on double yellow or zig zag lines** and do not block drives. Yesterday, we received a complaint from a resident about a parent who parked in a disabled bay which caused considerable difficulties to the resident. Please park with consideration, keeping children and adults safe is everyone's responsibility. Thank you.

### **Governors' cheese and wine evening – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 – 7.30 p.m.**

The Governors will be hosting the above event in the Junior Hall to find out your views on how we can further develop the school and work together to continue to support excellent outcomes. Please do respond to and let the school office know if you are able to attend.

## **Parent Teacher contact evenings – Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Please do book an appointment to see your child's class teacher to discuss progress and attainment. I am pleased to hear positive comments about the new system for booking appointments. We are moving towards more of an online system, where letters, newsletters and other information is emailed directly to you. If you do not have access to a computer or have a mobile phone, please do visit the junior office. Mr Navarro has set up a computer for you to use to access emails and book appointments.

This system is more efficient and does not rely on your child remembering to give a letter to you. I believe this is an excellent move and will support clear communications between you and school.

Thank you for your many positive comments about the school and for your input on how we can continue to work together to further improve. It is going to be a busy term, so please do keep your diary updated with key information and dates in November and December.

We have been notified that **St Joseph's Junior School will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December so school will be closed for that day.** The children will return to school on the Friday as normal. Please also note that the Government have changed the May bank holiday to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (instead of Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May), so school will be closed.

I would like to inform you that Mrs Finnerty, our SENCO will be retiring at the end of this term after over twenty-five years of service to the school. The good news is that she is not fully retiring but is hoping to get involved in training new SENCOs later in the new year. Mrs Finnerty will be enjoying some well-deserved relaxing time but I am sure she will return to visit.

Mrs Chris Perry will also be retiring after almost thirty years of service to St Josephs and will be enjoying her retirement by spending time with her son in Australia. Mrs Perry has promised to return and I know she will be back to visit.

Both Mrs Finnerty and Mrs Perry have been a big part of the school's journey and have both taught some of your children and grandchildren. They are highly valued and we wish them every happiness for the future and I would like to thank them for their support, encouragement and for always putting the child at the centre of what they do.

We will be holding our KS2 Advent service on the last day of term, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, at Virgo Fidelis Church at 10.00 a.m. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend and it will be a chance for us to say farewell to Mr Finnerty and Mrs Perry and thank them for their hard work and dedication over the years. It goes without saying that they will be missed but will always be an important part of our school history and family.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to the term ahead and all that we will achieve through working closely together.

Yours sincerely



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