

5th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Thought of the Week**



**Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!**

The children have been learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.

It saddens me to write this but three staff members will be leaving us for pastures new.

Firstly, I would like to say farewell to Miss Devery as she has been offered a promotion and is moving to St Teresa Catholic Primary in Hatch End. Her dedication and commitment to supporting children with their learning is commendable. Miss Devery has been a fantastic teacher and she will be greatly missed by us all.


Secondly, Mrs McCandless who has worked with us since 2005, is leaving us. Mrs McCandless is very kind and caring; we will all miss her and her passion for Watford Football Club. She has been a wonderful Teaching Assistant and we will miss her dearly.

Thirdly, our Midday Supervisor, Mrs Worland is leaving us to become a Teaching Assistant at St Meryl's School. Mrs Worland has been a brilliant Midday Supervisor and a valuable member of our team. We will miss her.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Marcus to our team. Miss Marcus is a highly effective teacher from Chorleywood Primary School, which is an outstanding school.


I am also delighted to inform you all that Mrs Smithson will be starting her teacher training with us in September. To start, Mrs Smithson will be working alongside Miss Donghi in our Year 2 class.

### **Summer Fete**



The Summer Fete will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July starting at 12pm until 3pm. There will be lots of exciting activities such as: bottle-tombola; penalty shoot-out; sweet tombola; dance displays and excellent music. It will be a fantastic day so please come along and support this great fundraising event. The money raised will help purchase new reading books.

### **Leavers' Mass, Assembly and Picnic Lunch**



I cannot believe the time has come to say farewell to our Year 6 class. The Leavers' Mass will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00a.m. and the Leavers' assembly will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00a.m. There will be a picnic lunch for the whole school after Mass. All parents and carers are welcome to join us on these dates.

### **Key Stage 2 Production**

This year, the Key Stage 2 children will be performing the play: Ye-Ha! The dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9.30a.m. Children/toddlers are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. The final show will be performed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6.00 p.m. We will reserve two seats per Year 6 family, in the front rows as it is the Year 6 children's final play here at St Joseph's.

### **Year 2 Transition Meeting**

There will be a short meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July (for all Year 2 parents) starting at 2.30p.m. to explain the transition procedures.

### **Classes**

The children will visit their new classes next week. The classes are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Foundation 1	Mrs Aston
Foundation 2	Mrs Scally
Year 1	Mrs Burford
Year 2	Miss Donghi Mrs Smithson (Trainee Teacher)
Year 3	Miss Marcus
Year 4	Mrs Collins
Year 5	Mrs Wade
Year 6	Miss Winterman

### **School Uniform**

I know you all will be buying new school uniform over the summer. May I remind you that all children must wear the correct school uniform. I am very proud to have your children attend St Joseph's and wear our uniform. Therefore, please ensure you buy the school's polo shirts, jumpers or cardigans with the school logo on. Uniform may be purchased from the school office. In addition, all children must wear black shoes only. Trainers are not permitted in school.

School uniform may be purchased before the end of term. Thank you for your help regarding this matter.

### **First Holy Communion**

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion next year, please sign the First Holy Communion Register (which is located at the back of the church) after Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

### **Sunny Weather**

Please remember to send your child into school with a sun hat and apply sun-cream in the morning. School sun hats can be purchased from the office. No other hats are allowed.

### **Attendance Award**

Year 3, have won the best attendance award! Well done Year 3!



**Linda Payne**  
**Headteacher**

<b>July</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Overnight trip to Phasel's Wood
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (All F1 parents to attend).
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Year 6 parents welcome to attend. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Start of Term