



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Induction Meeting

Just a reminder that our induction meeting for new children starting the Reception class in September will take place in school on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15**. The meeting will provide important information about starting school and teaching and learning opportunities in the Reception class. It will also provide an opportunity to meet with staff, complete all important documentation and to order school uniform. Please note that all children starting in the Reception class will need to purchase the new uniform for September 2015. I am sure they are all going to look fantastic!

| Golden Assembly<br>26th June 2015 |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Miss Salisbury                    | Amia Reilly-Jones   |
| Miss Howard                       | Milly-Sue Pendleton |
| Mrs Walker                        | Luke Oldrid-Lowe    |
| Miss Hillier                      | Mya Costello        |
| Miss Hacking                      | Niamh Morgan        |
| Mrs Oziak                         | Garry Chapman       |
| Mrs Hollis                        | Callum Brennan      |
| Miss Turner                       | Carter Pendleton    |
| Miss Finnigan                     | Ellise Bennett      |
| Mr McCann                         | Cameron Pendleton   |
| Mr Morris                         |                     |
| Miss Lewtas                       |                     |
| Miss Morgan                       | Maria Dermody       |

## Sports Day

A letter was sent out earlier this week confirming arrangements for the different Sports Days being held in school. These details are confirmed below:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 9.30 -11.00**

Foundation Stage F1, F2W, F2H

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9.30 – 11.30**

KS2 – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1.15 – 2.45**

KS1 – Y1 and Y2

All children must have their PE kits in school on the day. We hope you will be able to attend to support the children on what promises to be a great event. In the event of the weather being sunny please could we ask that you provide sun cream and a hat to keep the children safe in the sun.

## Class Masses

This term the children have been planning special class masses to take place in school. Our next class mass will be for Year 3 children and their families on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am in school** followed by Year 4's class mass on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am**. It would be lovely if you and your families could join us at these special celebrations which will be led by the respective classes together with Father David.

## Leavers Mass

Although the time when Year 6 come to leave us is still a few weeks off I wanted to give you advance notice of the date of their Leavers Mass which this year will take place in Church on the last day of the school term – **17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am**. More details will be provided soon but it is intended that mass will be followed by a Family Picnic to which all families of Year 6 are invited. We look forward to seeing you on this memorable day.

## A very busy week for Year 5

Year 5 have embraced lots of exciting opportunities this week! Our learning challenge theme is Egypt. So far we have enjoyed studying a breadth of topics: from Ancient Egypt's gory mummification processes to the delights that the major cities of modern Egypt have to offer!

This week we have been putting our sales techniques to the test and have risen to the challenge very well. Miss Lewtas split our class into teams of 5: each team had to research Egypt and what it has on offer for tourists. Once we had gathered our



information we had to analyse some adverts and think hard about the features of an effective

sales pitch. Then each team wrote their own script for a TV advert. Miss Lewtas, Ms Rayner and Mrs Easton were all blown away by our use of sophisticated vocabulary and catchy slogans! We did such a great job that some of us have been inspired to travel to Egypt one day and see its enchanting sights and colourful culture for ourselves. By the end of next week we will have recorded our TV adverts. Who knows, maybe this could be a future career path for some of us?!



This term's RE topic for Year 5 is all about other faiths. As part of the 'excite' phase, to help us to generate an interest, Miss Lewtas showed us some beautifully intricate Islamic art patterns. We looked at how



Islamic art is usually made up of geometric shapes and repeated patterns. You will never find images of humans or animals in the Islamic faith because it is believed to be disrespectful. After studying some of the patterns we went onto the playground and created our own designs using coloured chalk. The results were stunning!

As a special treat this week Year 5 also visited West Wirral Works at Hilbre High. The WWW Teachers, Ian and Rob, had prepared a fantastic project for us. We were allowed to design our own Egyptian themed chocolate mould and wrapper! We used CAD (computer aided design) to create our wrappers and the design for our mould. Then Rob took us into a room where he showed us how the moulding process takes place. A laser machine cut out our computer designs



onto pieces of MDF wood. We then assembled these pieces to create a stencil for our mould. Rob then covered our stencils with plastic and put them into a special vacuum machine. When he closed the machine door the air was sucked out of the space between the wood and plastic. The plastic was then heated until it melted to take the form of the mould, then left to set. The whole process took less than 1 minute! It was a superb day and I felt extremely privileged to use the equipment.



## Sports Update

Last week the whole school took part in a high jump inter-school competition. Every child competed against the rest of their year. The winners were:

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Foundation 1:</u> | Toby (30cm)             |
| <u>Foundation 2:</u> | Ami (50cm)              |
| <u>Year 1:</u>       | Andrew (70cm)           |
| <u>Year 2:</u>       | Beddington (80cm)       |
| <u>Year 3:</u>       | Connor/Devan (70cm)     |
| <u>Year 4:</u>       | Charlie M, Sean (100cm) |
| <u>Year 5:</u>       | Jack R (120cm)          |
| <u>Year 6:</u>       | Jamie W (130cm)         |

**Well done everyone for taking part!**

On Wednesday afternoon Mr McGovern took 16 children from Years 4-6 to take part in a beach volleyball tournament in West Kirby. There were 19 teams from across the Wirral taking part.



### Year 6 Tournament

The Y6 tournament was made up of 13 teams. Both our A and B teams progressed through their group stages, beating teams from St Bridget's, Irby and Riverside.

Unfortunately the A team were knocked out in the Quarter Final by the eventual winners St George's. Team B reached the semi final and lost a tense 3rd/4th place playoff 15-14 to take 4th place in the tournament.

Team A Albie, George, Patrick, Kyle W  
Team B Callum, Maria, Hannah, Daniel

### Year 5 Tournament

The year 5 tournament was played as a league.

Team D managed to win 1 and draw 1 and finished in 4th place.

Team C won all 5 matches and were crowned 'Wirral Y5 Volleyball champions 2015'. It was a fantastic



effort for a team who have only been practising together for a few weeks. Jordan commented "This is the #@ first medal I've ever won, I'm so proud of myself and the team!" Next year they get to defend their title as Year 6!

Team C Jordan, Ethan, Ella, Joseph  
Team D Ellie, Nathan, Khady, Jay.

**Congratulations  
to all the teams who took part**

### Competitive Sport

There will be a competitive element to Sports Day this year, with a medal only awarded to the child who wins their event. Please discuss with your child about the importance of taking part, and staying positive if they don't win. There will be stickers for all children who take part on the day.

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# School Attendance

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

**Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 95%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 95%**

| CLASS                             | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Foundation 1 (am): Miss Salisbury | 93%       | 86%       |
| Foundation 1 (pm): Miss Salisbury | 85%       | 93%       |
| Foundation 2: Miss Howard         | 97%       | 91%       |
| Foundation 2: Mrs Walker          | 97%       | 96%       |
| Year 1: Miss Hillier              | 97%       | 99%       |
| Year 1: Miss Hacking              | 99%       | 97%       |
| Year 2: Mrs Oziak                 | 94%       | 90%       |
| Year 2: Mrs Hollis                | 96%       | 94%       |
| Year 3: Miss Finnegan             | 99%       | 99%       |
| Year 3: Miss Turner               | 97%       | 100%      |
| Year 4: Mr McCann                 | 94%       | 95%       |
| Year 4/5 Mr Morris                | 90%       | 94%       |
| Year 5: Miss Lewtas               | 97%       | 93%       |
| Year 6: Miss Morgan               | 88%       | 97%       |



## Baptismal Preparation

If you wish to have your child baptised at St Joseph's church you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 7pm

**Thursday 16th July**

in

St Alban's Parish Centre

(please note - no meeting in September)

You don't need to book a place,  
just come along for an informal hour  
of information and to collect  
an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the  
Parish Office to arrange a date

## Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family  
afternoon with drawing, painting,  
cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in  
St Albans Parish Centre  
on

Sunday 19th July

from 3pm - 4.30pm

Please note that children must be  
accompanied by an adult