

July 21st 2017**Dear all,**

The holidays are finally here. It has been a lovely final week. The Year 6's and FSU went on the land train down to the fun park and had a wonderful morning! Class 4 had a great time at the beach and Class 6 were all presented with dictionaries from the Rotary Club. The Class 6 leaver's assembly yesterday was very moving. It was great seeing the children share all the wonderful memories of their time at school and to see how they have grown over the years. For myself, it has been especially rewarding recently watching all the end of year events like sports day, awards assembly, public speaking, St Joseph's Got Talent! Seeing how the children have flourished and celebrating their many achievements is very special.

Non-pupil days next year

Please check that you have the correct dates for non-pupil dates next year. On the original dates it said 1.11.17 but then due to CAST training we had to change that to 20.11.17. The new dates went out after Easter and all the term dates are on our website but please check you have kept the correct version.

Dinner money

Just a reminder that school dinners will be going up to £2.20 in September. Also we are still currently owed over £850 for nursery fees, breakfast club and dinner money. If you do have any debts outstanding please pay them through Parentpay asap.

Thank you

As the year comes to an end, may I take this opportunity to thank-you as parents for all your support and help with your child over the past year. Particular thanks to all of you who have helped with the many activities that go on through the year: reading, dressing up, helping in class and on school trips. Today we are saying good-bye to some of our members of staff. I am sure you wish to join me in thanking them for all they have done for St Joseph's: Mrs Ellis – thank you for all your hard work especially with some of our more vulnerable children. We are all extremely pleased you will be back two afternoons a week next year to do our Rainbows interventions. Mrs Crouch – thank you for all your hard work as a teacher and for all the voluntary hours you have given. The children have made great progress with your support. Mrs Howard – thank you for all your work with Class 4, they have really enjoyed their days with you and have made great progress. Mrs Richardson – thank you for all the work you have done raising the standard of PE across the school and getting the children involved in afterschool clubs. Mrs Evans – thank you for all your work with Mrs Keeping this year. You have done a fantastic job working with all our SEN children. Mrs Mulholland – thank you for everything you have done this year with Class 6 and PPA cover. We are very pleased you have agreed to come in one afternoon a week to work with our Year 5/6s next year. I would also like to say thank you to all the admin ladies, governors, PTA and parish who work so tirelessly for our children all year round. Finally thank you to all the staff; we are very fortunate to have a team of staff who are all willing to go that extra mile and who dedicate a great deal of extra time to the school, through residential, meetings and creating wonderful lessons.

Goodbye

Our very best wishes go out to all our children in Class 6. They are a fantastic group of young people who will go on to do very well in the future. We hope they enjoy their new schools and wish them the very best. I look forward to seeing the rest of the school back on Wednesday 6th September.

Best wishes, happy holidays and thank you for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford



Headteacher's awards: Yr 1 – Lewis, Yr 3 – Dillon, Lola S, Laila E, Nathan, Ralph, Bart, Lola N, Yr 4 – Rafa, Yr 6 – Benjamin

Silver certificates: FSU – Maddison, Rose, Yr 2 – Joseph, Irys, Elliot, Imogen, Silva, Nell, Ben

Gold certificates: Yr 2 – Jack, Isabella, Nicole, Shanel, Patrycja, Yr 6 – Will L