

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Dear all,

I can't believe the year is over! These last few weeks seem to have whizzed through in a blur. As it comes to an end, may I take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for all your support and help with your child. Particular thanks to the PTA and all of you who have helped with the many activities that go on through the school: reading, ICT, sports, helping in class and on school trips.

I am sure you wish to join me in thanking all the staff at St Joseph's, whose enthusiasm and expertise creates a school where children flourish and enjoy coming to school. 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 residentials, sleepovers, co-ordinating events and meetings as well as creating wonderful lessons and experiences for the children. Thank you to them all.

As we get to the end of the year, there are a few goodbyes to be said. Our very best wishes go to Miss O'Sullivan, who has worked at St Joseph's for many years now. She has run the Communion groups as well as being a class teacher and we wish her all the best. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Godfrey in the office. There is nothing Mrs Godfrey doesn't know about the school and her expertise will be very much missed. Our very best wishes also go to Mrs Bowen and Mrs Cummings who are both moving onto pastures new and Miss Lucas who starts her maternity leave. We will miss you all very much.

I also want to say goodbye to all our year 6 children. I am so proud of the achievements and progress they have made – socially and emotionally as well as academically. They are ready to take the next step in their journey and I have no doubt they will go on to become happy, caring and successful teenagers and our leaders of the future.

To end the year on a high I wanted to pass on our Yr 6 SATs results (these are not validated until later in the Autumn term as there is still time for marking queries etc). I am sure you will be as proud of the children as we are. Again, we are significantly above Devon and National in most areas. Well done Yr 6 and all the teachers that have supported them over the years.

	St Joseph's		Devon		National	
	Achieving expected	Achieving higher standard	Achieving expected	Achieving higher standard	Achieving expected	Achieving higher standard
Reading	91%	39%	77%	30%	75%	28%
Maths	83%	39%	75%	21%	76%	24%
Writing (not tested, teacher assessment)	74%	13%	78%	19%	78%	19%
SPaG	78%	48%	76%	29%	76%	34%
% achieving in Reading, Writing and Maths	74%	9%	64%	9%	64%	9%

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 5th September – 8.55am School starts for the Autumn term

Friday 19th October – 3.30pm School finishes for half term

Monday 29th October 8.55am School starts after October half term

Friday 9th November – Non-Pupil day

Thursday 20th December – 3.30pm School finishes for Christmas holiday

I wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing holiday.

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Tavor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Sycamore - Bella E, Willow - Beau

Platinum Award: FSU - Emma, Chloe

Gold Award: FSU - Fraser, Rowan - Theo, Annie

Silver Award: FSU - Mia

100% Attendance for the Whole School Year: Sycamore - Holly, Lucy, Cherry - Orla, Alfie, Jasmine, Willow - Charlie A, Chloe, George, Frank, Maple - Felix