



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well on this beautiful sunny Friday (well it is as I type this). As we finish our third week after the summer break we are starting to find our rhythm and routine. The children are working well and responding positively to our new curriculum offer.

We have been reminding the children of our shared Mission Statement, *Christ Be Our Light, in life, in love and in learning*. I have shared with them the acronym for light so that we truly are guiding lights in all that we do. The acronym goes like this:

L is for **L**ove
I is for **I**nspire
G is for **G**reatness
H is for **H**appy &
T is for **T**eaching.

This is something we will be referring to all year as we strive to make St Joseph's school the most wonderful that it can be.

I for Inspire- School Council Committee

This week I have had the privilege of interviewing Y6 children for the School Council positions. Interested children applied for the role and then were asked some questions to seek out their ideas. I am delighted to announce that we now have a full committee on the Council and for the first time ever a Head Girl and Head Boy. These children were brilliant and families should be so proud of their achievements and desire to be excellent role models. Final appointments have been announced in class today in a feeling of overwhelming happiness. These children have smashed Inspire, greatness and happiness in one activity.

L for Love Reading

Reading Buddy Bags

This week, we have introduced Reading Buddy Bags which will be sent home weekly with the reader of the week. The bags include a reading buddy, a hot chocolate, a book of the child's choice and QR codes which link to online readings of popular stories. If your child is chosen to bring home a buddy bag, please send it back by Wednesday of the following week. We would love to see some pictures of your children enjoying their buddy bag. Please send any photos to reading@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk

H is for Happy- After School Clubs- Reminder

Another back to normal routine restarts next week with the return of After School Clubs. We have the following clubs on offer for the next 6 weeks for children from FS2 to Year 6:

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Monday – Football with MFC
Tuesday – Musical Theatre/Singing with school staff
Wednesday – Running KS2 only with school staff
Thursday – Multi sports with 442 Sports

Clubs need to be booked via Parent Pay in advance. To ensure that clubs can run smoothly we ask you to sign up for a block of sessions, the cost of each club is £10 for each half-term.

G is for Greatness- Volunteers

In previous years, our School has benefitted greatly from a super set of parent and family volunteers who have helped our pupils develop a wide range of skills. We would like to ask if any members of our community would like to volunteer some of their time to support us with areas such as: listening to children read, helping with any art and craft skills, such as model making and sewing. If you would be interested in volunteering to help our pupils be the best that they can be, then please get in touch with the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

L is for Love- Children with Medical Needs Reminder:

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be updating our records for children with additional medical needs in our school. Please get in touch with the school if your child has additional medical needs that may not be aware of. Every child with additional medical needs requires a Medical care Plan form to be completed. Thank you in anticipation of your help with this matter.

As some of you may be aware we have a child in the school (Isaac Y4) who has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia which is a type of cancer. Isaac is undergoing a series of treatments and will be for some time and the good news is that he has responded really well.

However, many of the treatments used will affect the immune system. Measles, Shingles and Chicken Pox can be life threatening to a child receiving treatment so it is essential that his parents are made aware of any suspected cases of any of these, in anyone who comes into school. I have also been made aware that mouth cold sores can also cause serious issues.

It is therefore essential that the school is made aware of any of these illnesses straight away so that we can inform his parents.

I know you will understand how important this is and will give it your full support.

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G is for Greatness- Car Park Reminder

As you know the car park is required each morning from around 8.10am for our mini bus drop offs. On two occasions this week we have had hold ups due to parents blocking the entrance or swinging into the car park after this time to drop children off at Breakfast Club. Please use the side road so that we can keep the mini bus service as efficient as possible.

H is for Happy- Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked in their early Reading or book work and settling in well into school routines.

- LJ- Leo
- FS1-Jessica & Connie
- FS2 Harriet & Savannah
- Y1 Annie & Phoebe
- Y2 Melany & Tabitha
- Y3 James & Bella
- Y4 Joseph & Isaac
- Y5 Harriet & LoganLuke
- Y6 Pippa & Bridget

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Wednesday was the feast of St Matthew. At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them of their subjection; the publican, also, was regarded by the pharisees as the typical sinner. St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist.

In the early Church, Matthew's Gospel was thought the first to be written, which explains its position in the New Testament.

How can we follow God in our own lives like Matthew did so many years ago? Jesus chose Matthew considered by many a sinner and so we are welcome to the love of Christ is all that we do.

Enjoy the weekend and don't forget to check the school calendar letter.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Geaves
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