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End of Term Newsletter

19th July 2024

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is the end of another school year. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us this year and for your support for everything we do. Thank you also for the lovely gifts, cards and messages for staff. We really appreciate them all.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and that the sun shines more regularly than it has lately. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Wednesday 4th September.

Goodbyes

We said goodbye to our year 6 pupils in an emotional and hilarious Taylor Swift inspired assembly yesterday and a more serene leavers' mass today. We will miss them, but they are ready for the next stage, and we know they will be successful at St Thomas More.

We say goodbye to the our families as their youngest or only child leaves our school.

We wish all leavers the best of luck and hope that they will remember the love and care they got at St Joseph's as well as a great education.

Attendance

I gave out 46 100% attendance certificates for Summer 2 and 5, 100% attendance certificates for the whole year today in assembly. Thank you for working with us to improve attendance this year.

Results

Results of statutory assessment which takes place in Reception, Year 1, 4 and 6 are set out below. Our Year 6 results are not quite set in stone yet as we had to send some of our SATS papers for re-marking.

89% of our Reception pupils reached a good level of development and 80% of our Year 1 pupils reached the standard of the phonics test.

In Key Stage 2 the average score for the multiplication test was around 20 out of 25. In Year 6 ten pupils took the test. Of these 90% met the expected standard for reading with 50% achieving greater depth, 70% met the expected standard grammar, spelling, and punctuation with 30% achieving greater depth. In Maths 50% met the expected standard and 40% achieved greater depth. Results in Maths and Reading may increase due to remarks. In writing where there is no test, 80% met the standard.

Congratulations to all of our pupils for working so hard. Maths continues to be our target area for improvement when it comes to tests so, please work on times tables and number facts as much as possible at home to help us out. In all Maths tests, pupils usually have less than a minute per question, so speed is very important.

Friends of St Joseph's raffle

Thanks again to the Friends for another amazing raffle. The bags were so packed with prizes that they were too heavy for the pupils to lift.

Sporting Events

There have been so many sporting events recently that our Facebook page is struggling to keep up, but we should have everything posted soon.

Year 6 had a brilliant time at their adventure day on the Queen Elizabeth 11 lake in Ashington and Year 5 really enjoyed the BWCET Trust Olympics at Gateshead Stadium.

Our football tournament for KS2 was a huge success on the MUGA despite being changed due to the muddy field. Thank you again to Miss and Mrs Carr for their energy and enthusiasm in arranging so many sporting events and to Mr Haws who oversees sporting arrangements.

Uniform

A reminder that all pupils should be in school shoes and full uniform for September with no earrings or nail varnish. They will also need our school PE kit. There is lots of second-hand excellent quality stock available through the Friends so please let us know if you need anything.

With kind regards,
Joanna Bircham
Head Teacher

Dates for Diaries

September	
2nd and 3rd	Training days – school closed to pupils
4th	Pupils return to school at 8.30am and new starters begin Reception class