

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

15 July 2013



Dear Parents,

## **It's the last week of term and here are details of the important events of the week.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Leaver's Mass at 9.15am in the hall. Mr Spiteri's retirement presentation. Reception Sports day at 2.00pm.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Discos – own clothes day for children – please send £1 for the disco. Details below.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Graduation in the hall at 2.00pm.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** End of term Merit Assembly at 11.00am. Final assembly of the year at 2.00pm. All welcome.

### **Discos this Wednesday**

Children can all wear their OWN CLOTHES this Wednesday for the Disco. Please send a donation of £1 towards the cost of the Disco. From 1.15pm to 2.15pm there will be a Disco for Nursery (morning children are welcome to come back) and Reception. Key Stage 1 will have their Disco from 2.15pm to 3.15pm and can be picked up at the normal time of 3.15pm and Years 3, 4 and 5 will have their Disco from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Year 6 Leavers will have their photos and refreshments on the lawn followed by a disco and buffet until 5.45pm. Please collect your Year 6 children at 5.45pm.

### **Mr Spiteri**

Mr Spiteri retired in March due to ill health and has been unable to come in for his presentation earlier because of ongoing illness. Mr Spiteri gave the school many, many years of dedicated and hardworking service and was a well known character on the Dudley Education scene! We are delighted to let you know that he has told us he will be able to join us for Mass **tomorrow** and we will make a presentation to him afterwards. Please come and join him for a cup of tea and piece of cake afterwards too.

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### **Mr Philip Teague**

Philip is retiring after a lifetime of dedicated service to the school and we know you will want to say goodbye. Philip is adamant that he does not want a formal presentation in assembly or Mass and has made it clear that he would not like us to arrange this. So, if you would like to come in to school to see Philip and say goodbye, he is here every morning and afternoon and he would be very, very happy to see you. Needless to say we will be presenting him with a retirement gift but this will be done in a staff meeting, in accordance with Philip's express wishes! He looks forward greatly to seeing you all this week to say goodbye. Please note we have to respect Philip's wishes and there will not be a presentation in assembly – so it's all the more important to pop in and see him for yourself!

### **Goodbye and thanks**

We also say a big thank you and goodbye to some other staff who will be leaving at the end of term. We say thank you to Mrs Bains (Nursery), Mrs Simpson (EYFS), Mrs Khan (Reception), Mrs Joiner (Lunchtimes and Breakfast Club) and Miss Dyett (Office). Thanks to each and every member of staff who is moving on from St Joseph's and our kindest wishes to them all for the future.

### **Congratulations**

Prayers and congratulations for Miss Pugh who is getting married this summer. She will return to us in September as Mrs Hancox and we offer both Miss Pugh and her husband-to-be our prayers and best wishes at this very important and exciting time in their lives.

### **Summer Fair thanks and congratulations on helping us to create a peaceful and tolerant community**

Thank you for your support of our summer fair. We raised £350 to pay for extras for the children. Special thanks also to everyone who joined us for the multicultural and multi faith festival before the fair. In a weekend that has seen religious and cultural tension in our local area we should all feel very, very happy that our school is a harmonious and peaceful community that is developing the next generation of local people as tolerant and peaceful citizens. Our festival was very special and was a real celebration of our diversity here at St Joseph's. Thank you everyone for helping us to make a safe, happy, tolerant and peaceful community here in our school.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

We will soon be saying goodbye to our Year 6 class. The class are very special to us and have achieved so much during their time at school. We are delighted to report that the class achieved the school's **BEST EVER** set of SATs results and we hope that the children will take all of their learning and values from St Joseph's to the next stage in their school careers. We will keep them in our prayers long after they have moved on from our school and wish the children and their families every happiness in the coming years.

### **Breakfast Club**

A reminder that the Breakfast Club will sadly not be running at all from next term.

### **Thank you for your support**

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. With your help, we have been able to make significant improvements to the school and the quality of education we provide this year. We look forward to working with you next year to continue the school's improvement journey together. Thanks to the staff and Governors for their hard work and service and very grateful thanks to Father Emmanuel and Father Ben for their ongoing support and care.

### **See you in September!**

**School reopens for the Autumn Term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** Doors open at 8.45am and school starts at 9.00am.

Yours sincerely,

M Hinton  
Headteacher