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4th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Pope Francis has chosen October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission: a time when the entire Church should focus on sharing God's love around the world. At St Joseph's we have started Extraordinary Month of Mission with Brighten Up this Harvest, children came to school today in a wonderful array of colours. All money raised will support CAFOD to provide seeds and training to farmers, teaching people to build greenhouses to grow produce that isn't destroyed by the weather. Thank you for your generosity.

Y5L Class Assembly

I was extremely proud to watch Y5L deliver a very informative assembly, Y5L prepared their assembly on Black History Month. We learnt Black History Month is an international annual month, celebrating, recognising and valuing inspirational individuals. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. Well done to all in Y5L and thank you to Mr Lynch, Miss Miller and Miss Molloy for all of your hard work too.

Congratulations to last week's award winner. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage One

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| The Tidiness Award | Y1A | Lining Up award | Y2E |
| Lunchtime Behaviour Award | Y1W | The Attendance Award | Y2G |

This week's award winner. The awards are as follows:

Key Stage Two

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| The Tidiness Award | Y5G | Lining Up award | Y3I |
| Lunchtime Behaviour Award | Y5L | The Attendance Award | Y5G |

Sunshine Superhero

Well done to Year 1 and Year 5 who have been behaving really well at sunshine. You have been excellent role models to the rest of the school and I was very impressed with you all showing respect for each other and using your manners so well when I came to see you in the week. A special well done to Henry in Y1 who has been given the Sunshine Superhero award! A great achievement. **Please can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that children must not be left by themselves before Sunshine opens at 7.40 am. In the best interests and safety of all children, they must have an adult present when they are dropped off in the mornings. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.**

Cars on Site

May I remind parents dropping and collecting from the Sunshine Club, NO parents' cars should be onsite after 8am or before 4.45pm. This has been mentioned previously, however, we are continuing to have parents failing to adhere to these times. We are now found ourselves in the unfortunate situation where are having to make a note of parents who are failing to adhere to these times. Any parents who continue to abuse these rules will have their membership of the Club rebuked.

Please be aware

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School keeping all children safe at school is our number one priority. I would like to make





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all parents aware we have an immunocompromised child in the school. It is important to inform the school immediately if your child develops chickenpox and it would be extremely helpful if you could let us know the day the first spot appeared.

Foundation Year Request

Foundation Year are asking for any donations of any old (good quality) items that children may have outgrown or no longer use. In the past we have kindly received donations of; a doll's house, bikes, scooters and books. If you have any items in your house that you think the Foundation children may benefit from, and your children no longer use, then can you please speak to one of the Foundation Team. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parent Food Tasting

Caterlink who we work in partnership with to help provide the children with healthy, nutritious meals are holding a parent's taster session on **Thursday 10th October**. You are all warmly invited to come and try some of the delicious food your children eat while with us at school. Caterlink will be setting up on the playground from 3.00, please go over and visit them if you have a couple of spare minutes.

Donations for the Harvest Mass

Thank you to everybody who donated food items for the Harvest Mass. Your support is very much appreciated.

Black History Month

As part of our school's Black History Month celebrations we have booked a Theatre company to run a workshop with Years 1-6 on Thursday 24th October- please note this a slight change to the original date of October 16th. The session will involve exciting performances of two different stories from Africa. Please talk to your children about the new learning they have acquired in class.

Coats

Please can I politely ask all parents to make sure their children are coming into school with a coat, every day. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment and we are having lots of rain showers. The school take the view that children need to get outside for their health and wellbeing. If it is raining a little bit, children will be expected to go outside. They should have a coat with a hood which will protect them from the weather. If possible, put your child's name on the label!

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from **Monday 21st October** through to **Friday 25th October**. The book fair will be set up in the Studio from 3.20-3.45pm. Please have a look and spend if you can – school gets a good commission of books for our library!

Parents Evening

This takes place on Tuesday 15th October: staff will meet with parents in the Hall, you are welcome to look at your children's work in the classrooms before or after your appointment time. As the staff have to see 30/31 parents in the few hours please could I ask that appointments are kept to the allotted time out of respect for everyone else waiting. If you haven't done so- please book your appointment slot via the Parent Mail App. Any parents that do not have access to a computer or iphone / smartphone can contact the office to make a booking.

House Group Prayers

Year Six led the rest of the school through the House Group Assembly last week, focusing on the name of their house. Each



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of the 4 groups had a lovely prayer service created and delivered by Year Six. Ask your child about it. Well done Year Six!

Parent Governor Vacancy

Mr Dagen Thompson, one of our two parent governors, has served the school well and now completed his office. We thank him for his time to the children. Therefore, we have a vacancy for a new parent governor.

If you are interested and feel you can commit to this role for the period of 4 years, please contact the School Office for an application form between 7th October – 15th October.

If only one application form is returned by 15th October- they will be automatically elected unopposed.

If more than one application is received by 15th October- we will have a full ballot (details to follow if required)

International Walk to School Month

We are encouraging you and your child to pull on your autumn boots and join thousands of children and adults across the globe celebrating the walk to school! As well as being good exercise, walking can help teach children road safety skills and encourage interaction with family and friends.

Rosary

As we are in the month of October, the children from all classes have the opportunity to join together at certain playtimes to pray a decade of the Rosary in Honour of Mary. Please encourage your children to bring their own rosary beads to school to make it extra special.

October is the Month of the Rosary to honour Mary the Mother of God in a special way. We build altars and shrines in her honour and say prayers to her more so than at other times.



The Memorare

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to thee do I come before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful,
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen,**



Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Head of School





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Dates for your diary – October

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| Friday 4 th October | 8.55am | Year 5L class assembly and Gifts from God KS2 – All parents welcome |
| Saturday 5 th October | 4.45 pm | FY Parents meeting at Holy Trinity Church |
| Saturday 5 th October | 6.00pm | Harvest Festival Mass & Family Mass at Holy Trinity Church – All welcome |
| Wednesday 9 th October | 10.00 am | Y5L, Y4I, Y1A & Y1W walking to Holy Trinity for Mass |
| Thursday 10 th October | 3.00- 3.30 pm | Caterlink parent taster session |
| Thursday 10 th October | 4.00- 5.30 | Football St Joseph's V New Hall (At St Joseph's) |
| Friday 11 th October | 8.55 am | KS1 Gifts from God Assembly |
| Tuesday 15 th October | 3.30-7.00 pm | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 16 th October | 10.00 am | Y4K, Y3I & Y3B walking to Holy Trinity for Mass |
| Thursday 17 th October | 2.30 pm | Foundation Year parents phonics workshop in the hall |
| Friday 18 th October | 8.55 am | KS2 Gifts from God Assembly |
| Saturday 19 th October | 6.00 pm | Y6 Confirmation Mass of Commitment |
| Monday 21 st October | 2.00-3.00pm | NSPCC Parents Workshop on E Safety |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | 10.00am | Y6, Y5L., Y2E & Y2G walking to Holy Trinity for Mass |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | 5-6 pm FY & KS1 6.15-7.15 pm KS2 | PTA Disco |
| Friday 25 th October | 8.55 am | KS1 Gifts from God Assembly |

Other dates to note:

Y6 Confirmation will take place on Saturday 9th Nov at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

Academy photographers in school Monday 18th November (Family, Sibling and individual photographs)

PTA Movie Night Wednesday 27th November KS2 3.30pm-5.30pm

PTA Movie Night Thursday 28th November KS1 3.30pm-5.30pm

May Day 2020 Next year the May Bank Holiday date for 2020 has been changed by the Government.

The change is due to the commemoration of VE Day. Normally, the early May Bank Holiday falls on the first Monday of May. However, in 2020, the first May Bank Holiday will not be on May 4th, but instead will take place on **Friday May 8th**. This means the first three-day weekend in May in 2020 will take place from Friday May 8th – Sunday May 10th. The change



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is only happening for the early May bank holiday, the Spring bank holiday at the end of the month will take place on a Monday as normal on May 25th 2020.



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