



# St Joseph's News

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*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Lamentations 3:25-26*

## New Year Message From the Headmistress

The world of education runs from September to August so we usually reflect on the previous 12 months at the beginning of the school year and consider our aspirations for the year ahead.

The start of the new calendar year in January provides another opportunity to review our behaviours and attitudes towards each other and to consider how this impacts on those around us. In his New Year message, Pope Francis stated that everyone has a responsibility to build a world which "becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other's differences and take care of each other."

This message reflects the ethos of St Joseph's where we work tirelessly to promote cohesion and foster a spirit of collaboration. I would encourage all our families to remember that we must work together respectfully to ensure our children grow into mature adults who have reached their full potential by accessing all the learning opportunities available.

**God Bless  
Mrs Titus**

## Reminders

- Children should arrive at school by **8.55am** at the latest and must be collected promptly at the end of the day. The gates shut at 9.00am and children will not be admitted after this time.
- Children should arrive in full school uniform and with an appropriate hairstyle which is in line with the principles of the Uniform Policy and the general ethos of the school. Clothing and hairstyles should not serve as a distraction to others.
- Children should attend school every day. If your child is too unwell to attend, please ensure you telephone the school before **9.00am** on every day of absence. When your child returns to school, please ensure you have also provided a written explanation for the absence and enclose any relevant documents.
- Medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours where possible. If your child must attend an appointment during school time, please arrange for this to be as late in the day as possible so your child does not miss out on their learning.
- Routine appointments for personal matters such as updating passports, visas etc should be arranged outside of school hours. There are 52 weekends and 14 weeks of school holidays to deal with such issues.
- If you wish to discuss a matter with a member of staff, please make an appointment through the school office. You will be asked to provide a brief outline of the matter before an appointment can be confirmed.

## Attendance

Class 2M achieved 100% attendance last week. Classes 3A, 5D, 5R and 6N received NO late marks last week.

As Year 3 to Year 6 children may arrive from 8.30am and Year 1 to Year 2 can arrive from 8.45am, there is no excuse for regular lateness. Please respect your children's right to learn by getting them to school on time.