



St Joseph's News

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He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' Mark 8:29

Message From The Headmistress

Welcome back to the new academic year at St Joseph's. I trust that you have had a wonderful break and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

During the summer holiday, I was reflecting on what it means to belong to a Catholic community. Being part of God's family helps us to remain focused and disciplined as we try to become more Christ-like in our thoughts and actions.

My message at the beginning of this new school year is that we must remain focused on God's purpose for our lives. God wants us to use our gifts so we must ensure we are prepared for our learning by attending school every day and arriving on time. We must always wear the correct uniform and take care of our presentation. We must always remember our manners and to respect each other.

I look forward to a year of hard work within a supportive school community and that there will be a time to celebrate another successful year next summer.

God bless

Mrs Titus
Headmistress

Wednesday Word

At Mass on Sunday, the Gospel reading will be from Mark 8:27-35. This passage from the Bible tells us of the time when Peter realises that Jesus is the Christ.

Although Peter and the other disciples had spent some time with Jesus, they did not know everything about him straight away. This is similar to our friendships with each other and our relationship with Jesus - it takes time to get to know someone.

This week, you may wish to explore this theme together as a family. Do we feel close to Jesus? Do we need to find out more about him? What do we like about Jesus?

To be more like Jesus, we must make an effort to look at our character - could we be more patient with a friend or could we be more generous in sharing things with others?

Pope Francis tells us that "Each encounter with Jesus changes our life" so that is a very good reason to make changes in our relationships with others.

Attendance

Today, 85 children from the current Year 1 to Year 6 classes went on the annual celebratory trip to Chessington World Of Adventures in recognition of achieving 100% attendance in 2014-15.

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's. Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)