

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

As we fast approach the end of this term, I am pleased to report that children across the school have settled well into their new classes and routines. **Both Paul Stubbings and Karen Wyatt from our Trust leadership board were pleased with their visits this week.** Next week (Wednesday and Thursday) our parent teacher conferences will take place, for children **from Reception class to Year 6.** Please contact Mrs Dunphy if you are having problems making appointment **via Arbor.** Please note, **the only after school provision next week is JAG.** After school clubs will resume week commencing 2nd November.

In my last newsletter, I wrote that I would be speaking with Nikki's family and would subsequently inform parents of their wishes for her final farewell. Simon, Nikki's brother has sent us a beautiful message of thanks not only to the outpouring of love and affection from the school but also to the proposal from parents to set up a fundraiser. Simon has therefore nominated specific charities:

- Children's Liver Disease
- The Lollipop Lady Foundation, Children Ministry, Jesus our firm foundation, Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines (named as such, in honour of Nikki).

Nikki's funeral will take place on Monday 26th October at 12:00 pm. The service will be held in Hampstead Parish Church (The Parish Church of St John-At-Hampstead) and Simon has added that everyone from the school is most welcome.

Our **Sport & Wellness Festival was launched today in assembly.** I know that leaflets and information have been shared with parents and there are many activities planned for the three weeks. Thank you for your continued support. Indeed, the activities began today with EY, KS1 and KS2 all enjoying Bubble Fun or Disco Parties. **My thanks to parents and staff for their continued support.**

As always, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school next week. Donations of long-life groceries, toiletries and cleaning products are gratefully received as we help the children understand the importance of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. **We shall be sending donations to a local foodbank next week.**

Many thanks to Miss S Ward for her "Hello Yellow Campaign and Tribute to Nicolette" in support of the Young Minds charity (<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/>). We all benefitted from a wonderfully mindful week with painting sessions for staff, yoga sessions for children and many other restorative activities to boost our wellbeing and to educate our children about the importance of our mental health. **The children raised over £500 for this notable cause. Thank you to all who supported.**

As a school and as part of The St John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust, we are ever aware of privacy and safety regarding images posted online. Our practice has therefore been amended with immediate effect. New photographs and videos will no longer be uploaded to our school website showing children's faces directly. In school, we do take photographs and print for in school use only (e.g., displays, records of learning). **I would like to ask parents when recording moments from assemblies and performances and other occasions to be mindful and not to**

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share these on public forums, as not every parent in our school has given permission. Please do ask myself or Mr Bowles for any clarification here.

Please can I ask parents to refer to our updated uniform policy when purchasing items for your children. The updated policy is on our website. We really are proud of our school uniform and the sense of belonging it instils in all our children. **All children must wear school shoes for safety reasons. PE trainers should only be worn on PE days.** I have been asked by parents in years 1 and 2 about ties which are pre-knotted and, on an elastic, thereby enabling greater independence for children in the younger year groups. Mr Bowles has ordered one **for each of the children in years 1 and 2. These will be given to children in these year groups when we return from half term. Children in years 3-6 should continue to use the traditional knotted tie.** May I please ask that parents return old ties for recycling when their child leaves year 2. As always, our uniform lost property box continues to overflow. Please do check for any lost items and I would also add that these items will be disposed of after the half-term so I would urge you to label your items and check the box before it is emptied. **In addition, summer uniform should not be worn upon our return from Half Term.**

May God bless you and keep you safe,

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Week ending

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Daniela	Ava
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Miss Lawson	Noah	Lia
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Giacomo	Ambrose
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Whole class	-
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Felicitas	Simon
VIOLET 1 Miss Eason	Lucia	Sebastien, Cecilia & Dante
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Alex	Michael

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
RECEPTION 1	99.5%	0.5%
RECEPTION 2	99.1%	0.5%
Y1 PINK 1	98.6%	0.9%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.4%	1.9%
Y2 PINK 3	100.0%	0.0%
Y3 BLUE 1	99.5%	0.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	94.4%	4.7%
Y5 VIOLET 1	99.7%	0.3%
Y6 VIOLET 3	93.4%	5.9%
Totals	98.0%	1.7%