

Dear Parents & Carers

Many thanks for your feedback last year on a variety of aspects of school life here at St Joseph's. We've included here some of the things we have done in response. Please keep your views and feedback coming in via email, phone, letter or the school website.

Mr Woods



...responding to YOUR



You said this...

The school hall is congested on Parents' Evenings

We'd like more information regarding my child's learning and homework

We'd like more regular information on activities in school

We'd like to be able to join you for prayer and worship

We've done this...

Teachers are now available in classrooms as well as the hall to reduce any overcrowding

Introduced our **LEARNING PLANS** which detail weekly learning & homework – available on our website & in pupil books

Introduced our new weekly newsletter – The St Joseph's News

Introduced our annual Parish & Family Carol Service and monthly Prayers Cakes & Coffee at St Anthony's Chapel

Working towards...



PSA

There will be a PSA Meeting in school on Monday 26th September, the meeting starts at 7.00 pm.

All parents are automatic members of the PSA and new faces are always more than welcome. If you are able to attend, please come along on Monday.



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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community



Our theme this week is...

SELFLESSNESS



How big is your Faith?

Up & Coming Events:

26th September
- PSA meeting, 7 pm school hall

27th September
- SVP Prayers, Cakes & Coffee, Mass for St Vincent, 1 pm St Anthony's

28th September
- Year 11 Parents' Information Evening, 6-7 pm school hall

- Year 8 HPV immunisation

29th September
- Year 11 Information, Advice & Guidance (Careers Evening), 6-8 pm school hall

30th September
- Year 8 HPV immunization
- Languages Day

Many of us at one time or another, will have been put back in our place by somebody else because we may perhaps have gotten big headed. It's never a good experience but sometimes it is necessary. If our arrogance was allowed to grow, we would become very unpleasant people. It would make it very difficult to form friendships so sometimes a bit of correction from the right person isn't all that bad.

This week's Gospel reading is from Luke (17:5-10).
The apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith!" The Lord said, "If your faith is as big as a mustard seed, then you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Dig yourself up and plant yourself in the sea!' And the tree will obey you.
"Suppose one of you has a servant who has been ploughing the ground or caring for the sheep. When the servant comes in from working in the field, would you say, 'Come in and sit down to eat'? No, you would say to your servant, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Then get yourself ready and serve me. When I finish eating and drinking, then you can eat and drink.' The servant does not get any special thanks for doing what his master told him to do. It is the same with you. When you do everything you are told to do, you should say, 'We don't deserve any special thanks. We have only done the work we should do.'"

Jesus is giving his disciples a bit of advice and some correction in this reading. The disciples ask for their faith to be increased, and he tells them that it doesn't really work like that. He tells them not to expect lots of praise for being good disciples as being a good disciple is what they are meant to do – nothing more, nothing less.

It's not that Jesus doesn't want to reward his disciples for that they do, but we must remember that Jesus came to turn everything upside down, including where we find our joy and self-worth. The joys of following Jesus is not in having human reward for the work we do; it is knowing we are loved by God and letting that love draw us closer to Him and to others. It reminds us that being a Christian is a relationship, not a job.

Lord God, you have given us the gift of faith and you invite us to take part in your work on earth. Help me to work lovingly for you always, and may my reward be the knowledge and sense of amazing love. Amen.



Supporting Numeracy

Number

Explore some simple ideas around money that can be built into your child's everyday activities to help support and enrich their learning in a meaningful way:

- Point out the hands on the clock discussing the minute and hour hands
- Play board games that require dice and use of number e.g. snakes and ladders
- Explain how the gradual measurements work when using scales
- When baking discuss ingredients and what is needed to increase the volume of mixtures (ratios)
- Calculate costs when shopping online
- Discuss numerical data and tables given as part of newspaper articles

Maths Quiz (See Mr Woods for a prize)

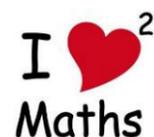
Fill in the missing blanks with +, -, x or ÷ to make the answer:

1) $56 \ ? \ 7 \ ? \ 4 = 12$

2) $6 \ ? \ 2 \ ? \ 7 = -8$

3) $6 \ ? \ 3 \ ? \ 9 = 9$

4) $8 \ ? \ 24 \ ? \ 8 = 11$



Languages Day 2016

In order to celebrate Languages Day, the Languages Department are organising a French café on Friday 30th September at break in Mr McGuire's room.



50p for a pain au chocolat and a hot chocolate.



Come and join us!

Also, come and test your French and Spanish skills with the Languages Teachers next week if you see them on duty or at lunch. Sweets available for the best speakers. Are you up for the challenge?

The Languages Department.

Football Results

This week saw Year 7, 8, 9 & 11 boy's football teams play Harper Green School results as follows:

Year 7
St Joseph's 7 - Harper Green 0

Year 8
St Joseph's 2 - Harper Green 3

Year 9
St Joseph's 2 - Harper Green 4

Year 11
St Joseph's 0 - Harper Green 2



Post 16 options for young people with a Statement of SEN or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

This is an event for pupils, and their families, who are due to move to a new education placement in September 2017.

At this event you can:

- ✓ Meet a range of local post 16 providers and discuss your support needs and possible courses with them
- ✓ Seek advice from SEN Officers who write ECHPs, adult social care, health services and Connexions
- ✓ Seek independent advice regarding SEN issues from the Bolton IAS Service and Together Trust

Details: 29th September 2016, 4:30 - 7:30 pm at Bolton Science and Technology Centre, Minerva Road, Bolton, BL4 0HA

Grace Baron, 8 Kolbe – Karate World Champion



Karate student Grace, is a World Champion at just 12 years old.

Grace, who trains at the Red Tiger Karate Club at Claypool Primary School in Horwich, was selected to compete as part of the JKS England Squad, just 18 months after starting her competitive career.

She was part of a 38 strong England team who travelled to the 2016 JKS World Shoto Federation Karate Do Championships which were held on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September in the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Scotland.

Over 40 Countries were represented at this World Championships with the JKS having over 60,000 members training Worldwide under the World Technical Director and legendary Karate-ka - Masoa Kagawa Sensei 8th Dan.

Grace was selected to compete in 4 categories across the weekend and exceeded all expectations by coming away with the 4 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) at her first ever International Competition.

Grace won:

- 1st Place in Kotei Kata (World Champion)
- 1st Place in Team Kumite (World Team Champions)
- 2nd Place in Individual Kata
- 3rd Place in Individual Kumite

JKS England coaches Matt Price Sensei 6th Dan and Nick Heald Sensei 6th Dan were delighted with her performance and the whole England team recorded their best ever results coming 2nd in the medal table behind the formidable Japanese team.

JKS works closely with the England Karate Federation, the EKF, which from the EKF squad the future team to represent Great Britain in the 2020 Olympics which will be held in Japan, which karate has been included in. Grace may be too young for the 2020 Olympics but who knows for 2024.

Grace is currently a 1st Dan Black Belt having begun her training just over 5 years ago at her local Red Tiger Club in Aspull. She has worked hard ever since training 4-5 times every week,

Paul Wolstencroft Sensei - Chief Instructor of Red Tiger Karate Club is certain that Grace's incredible recent achievements will be the first of many. He puts her success down to her inimitable talent, tireless effort and pure determination. She is a pleasure to teach and deserves every bit of success she gets. We have over 1300 members in our Club alone and Grace is one of the very best We couldn't be more proud of her. Well done!

