



Mrs Lawlor writes ...

October 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Half term is upon us and I am sure it will provide a good opportunity to re charge and rest. It has been a positive start to the academic year and the children have all settled back into learning. We have been looking at children's books and we can see a marked improvement in handwriting and presentation across the school.

We have had a good response to the phonic meetings for Reception and Year 1 parents and have been happy to support them with reading strategies and answering queries about the teaching of phonics at St Joseph's. Thank you to Mrs Millican (Assistant Headteacher and Reading Lead) and the staff for facilitating these meetings.

Our autumn term parents' evenings will be virtual meetings. Information on how to sign up for a meeting has been circulated on Parentmail today. The meetings are on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th November 2022.

We had a lovely Harvest celebration in school with Fr Tony on Tuesday 18th October. Thank you to Mrs McGrath for her organisation of the occasion and to Mrs Tackie, she prepared the children well and they sang beautifully! Thank you to the children and our Year 6 readers. The Harvest gifts are always well received and once again emphasise the generosity of our school community. The gifts have been delivered to St Matthew's foodbank.



On Tuesday the whole school celebrated with a Harvest liturgy led by our newly appointed Year 6 school officials. We were delighted to be joined by Fr Tony. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing the Harvest hymns and it was a delight to hear them resonating around the school- especially the Harvest Samba!

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It was a privilege to receive letter of application from our Year 6 children for the post of head girl and head boy. I very much enjoyed interviewing all the candidates. The strength of their opinions and views were impressive and well-articulated. Congratulations to all our appointed Year 6 leaders. I wish them every success in their roles and look forward to working with them all. Well, done Year 6!



Please join me in congratulating our Head boy, Patrick and Head Girl, Almu and their deputies Annabella, Jade and Vihaan.



Here are our house captains St Lukes (red) - Kayla and Jacob, St John (green) - Kuba and Filip, St Matthew (yellow) - Orlagh and Jack, St Mark (blue) - Caitlin and Jaden.

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Head Boy and Girl with their Deputies and newly elected House Captains around the Statue of Mary, celebrating her month of October.

I wish you all a restful and pleasant half term break. School returns on Monday 31st October.

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