



## Teacher Vacancies

We are currently advertising for two teachers to join the St Joseph's staff in September of this year. We have had good interest shown already and hope to be able to appoint two excellent teachers by the end of this term. One of the vacancies is due to our continuing expansion, all year groups apart from year 6 next year will have thirty children.

## Mrs Way's Retirement

The other vacancy is due to the fact that Mrs Way has informed me that she feels it is time to hang up her chalk stick and rubber (yes we did use them when she started teaching) and she will be retiring from teaching in July of this year. I know many parents of children, who are currently in the Foundation Stage, will be disappointed that their child will not follow the right of passage of almost every St Joseph's child over the last nineteen years by spending a year in Mrs Way's class. All three of my own children had a fantastic start to their time at St Joseph's in Mrs Way's class, so I feel particularly indebted to her for the difference she made to my children's lives. There will be plenty of opportunities for others to express their thanks to Mrs Way over the coming months but I thought I would get in there first!

## St Joseph's Day

Traditionally the whole school goes to Mass to celebrate St Joseph's Day (19<sup>th</sup> March). This year the Mass will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. Parents are welcome to join us. Another St Joseph's Day tradition is our Inter-House football competition. This will also take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. All children who want to take part in the football competition will be able to do so. There will be three separate competitions. The Foundation Stage will start at 1.30, Key Stage 1 will take over at around 1.55 and then Key Stage 2 will take over from 2.30 onwards. Parents are welcome to attend the games but will **not** be able to take younger children home early once their games are over. Key Stage 2 children can wear boots if they wish, younger children should wear trainers or plimsolls. All Key Stage 2 children who play will need to wear shinpads. We do not want parents to buy shinpads for maybe ten or fifteen minutes use, so please if you have old spare sets of shinpads at home (slip ins are most useful) please let your child bring them in for others to share. If your child could bring in a top which matches the colour of your child's house (St Peter's - blue, St Teresa's - green, St Paul's - red, St Bernadette's - yellow) it will make it easier for when they are playing in the afternoon. The event is of course dependent upon weather conditions. The final St Joseph's Day tradition is ICE CREAM !! There will be a choice of dairy based ice-cream and fruit based ice 'pops' please let us know if there is a type of ice cream that your child cannot have.

## Dates For your Diary

**21<sup>st</sup> March** - Tempest Photographer - Individual and sibling group photos of children will be taken during school time. If you would like younger members of the family to be included the photographer will be available in the school hall from 8.30 am

**24<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic Relief Day - Non uniform day, red to be worn if possible - voluntary contributions of £1 please. (Mr Dyson was asking if anybody had a Liverpool shirt he could borrow for the day)

**24<sup>th</sup> March** - Friends of St Joseph's cake sale, more details to follow

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm** - Child led Stations of the Cross Service in St Joseph's Church

**31<sup>st</sup> March** - Last day of term

**10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018** - Provisional booking made for PGL trip for children currently in year 4

## Admin Assistant

You may have noticed that Lorna, your PSA (Parent Support Adviser), has been in the office in the mornings this week. So far this year we have had two temporary admin assistants (Mrs Farr and Mrs Padmore) employed through an employment agency. Lorna (Ms Taylor) has now been appointed as the permanent Administrative Assistant to Miss Couzins. She will be carrying out this role in addition to her PSA duties which means that she will be working full-time in school now. Generally she will spend her mornings in the office and most of her PSA work will now take place in the afternoons.