



NEWSLETTER



25/6/19

Father James

A large contingent of children and adults were blessed to be able to attend the wonderful ordination ceremony of Father James Barber on Saturday. It really was a glorious occasion and the children representing St Joseph's were an absolute credit to the school and fully warranted our VIP seats organised by Father Barber. Five St Joseph's children also served at the Mass which was concelebrated by over thirty priests from all over the diocese and beyond. They too were a credit to the school. One of Father James first Masses will be a whole school Mass in St Joseph's Church on Wednesday afternoon (26th June) starting at 1.30pm. Please join us if you can.

Sports Day

Thank you very much to all of the families and friends who attended Sports Day on Friday. St Paul's ended up winning the trophy however I was particularly proud of the teams who won bonus points for good sportsmanship towards rival teams. That is exactly the type of compassionate and empathetic behaviour that we are so keen to instil in our children.

Brickfields Champs Again

Those of you who were at Sports Day will have had the chance to congratulate our athletes on their outstanding performance at Brickfields last week. Nine children went home with medals but all contributed to our trophy haul. We won the boys track trophy and the overall boys and girls trophy, both for the third time in four years. We also successfully defended the boys field events trophy. We have won that particular trophy for eight years in succession which is a truly remarkable achievement.

Summer Fair Raffle Tickets

The Summer Fair will be held this Friday 28th June. Children can wear their own clothes to school that day so that they will be ready to join in the fun when school ends. If you have any donations for stalls or raffle ticket stubs please bring them into school before Friday.

Hot Weather

Hotter weather is forecast for this week. Please ensure your child has some kind of bottle that they can refill with water during hot days. A hat will also be essential for sun protection, as will sunscreen which your child will need to be able to apply to his or her self. Staff will supervise the application of sunscreen but will not apply it themselves. Please make sure that all items brought into school are clearly named.

Phonics Screening

We have once again achieved a remarkably high percentage of children who reached the desired level in the phonics screening test for Year 1 children. 93% of our children scored at least 32 / 40. Nationally last year 82% of children reached the level. Congratulations to Mrs Shores, Mrs Norton and their team of highly skilled teaching assistants who have supported the children in achieving the very best scores that they could.

Annual Reports

In line with the practice of many schools we have amended the layout and content of our school reports this year. Instead of detailed accounts of work covered, and progress made, you will get a one word descriptor for your child's **Attitude to Learning, Effort, Progress and Attainment** in each subject that they have been learning in. You will also get a Class Teacher's Comment explaining how your child has grown in their learning and behaviour over the course of the year. Reports will go out on the 12th July. You will have an opportunity to discuss the report with your child's teacher on the following Wednesday 17th July.