

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

A warm welcome back to another new half term. I hope that you all managed to have a relaxing and peaceful break! I would like to thank our staff for keeping our school open yesterday.

**Careers Day**

Our next Careers day is 10<sup>th</sup> November, at 1.30pm. We would really like to have more parents coming in to talk about their amazing careers with the children. Please contact the office if you would like to join in.

**All Saints Day Mass**

On the 1st of November, Key Stage 2 attended Mass for All Saints Day. Father Phillip will be came into school and spoke to the Key Stage 1 Children about their Saints. We had some amazing Saints in school.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November starts our anti-bullying week. We invite all children to wear odd socks, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, in support of the call out anti bullying campaign which links closely with our motto of STOP for anti-bullying.

**Children in Need**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day. This will be a mufti day, along with odd socks for anti-bullying week, we ask for a donation of £1. This will be payable through ParentPay.

**Esteem Team**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Cara from Esteem Team will be available to meet parents who may need support at 2.30pm. If you would like the opportunity to speak to Cara with any SEND concerns such as ASD or sensory issues, please contact [admin@stjo.uk](mailto:admin@stjo.uk) and we will arrange an appointment. All parents are invited at 3pm this day for tea and a chat in the hall.

**Choir**

At 3.30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we invite all parents to our Autumn Choir concert, after school in the hall. The choir will perform songs inspired by literature to raise money for books for our new library provision. Please see ParentPay next week to reserve a ticket and make a donation. Choir members should wear their t shirt. The concert will finish by 4pm. If you cannot attend, please collect your child at this time.

**Poppy Appeal**

The children will be able to purchase poppies and poppy items next week in school. The items are either 50p or £1 to buy.

**Gospel Value - Justice**

The Gospel this week shows that God wants us to experience love, both in the giving and receiving of it. We have reflected on how not everyone is treated the same and that through justice we can stand up for what is right.

Many thanks

Mrs Stephens

**This Year's academic Attendance**

Our aspiration target is **97%**

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives. The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success!

This week - the class with the highest attendance is      Maple

**Diary dates:**

8<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 class assembly 3pm

10<sup>th</sup> November Careers afternoon

15<sup>th</sup> November Disco

22<sup>nd</sup> November Year 5 class assembly 3pm

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November FSU Nativity (details to follow)

8<sup>th</sup> November Individual photos – details of sibling photos to follow

13<sup>th</sup> November Anti-bullying week

17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need day and Choir concert

24<sup>th</sup> November Coastal Recycling talk for year 6

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity (details to follow)

**Headteacher Awards:** Oaks Class – Eleanor; Rowan Class – Aidan;

**Bronze Awards:** Oaks class – Willow, Guy; Sycamore class – Samuel, Rudy; Cherry class – Catriona, Gabriel; Willow class – Louie, Amelia, Ethan; Beech class – Chloe, Lydia.

**Stars of the week:** Oak class- Everlyn; Rowan class – Joseph; Sycamore class –Rueben; Cherry class – Theo L; Maple class – Theo H; Willows – Demi; Beech class – Daisy.