



## Head-lines

For this edition of the St. Joseph's Newsletter, it gives me great pleasure to be able to write to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of the school.

As you will be aware, I have been in the position of Acting Headteacher up to now, and following a two day interview process, the Governors have made me permanent in the role. I am absolutely thrilled and delighted to have this opportunity to lead the school in an exciting new phase.

St Joseph's is an amazing school - a building with a unique history, a special place in the community, staffed by a

committed and caring workforce, supported by involved and active parents, but most importantly, at its heart, attended by the most incredible, fantastic children. I will not rest until I have led and secured the school through this new phase and ensured that we consistently provide what your children deserve.

St. Joseph's holds a special place in my heart. For me it is not just a place of work, but a sacred place where I have the privilege of supporting your children as they grow, develop and thrive. But even more special for me - you may not be aware of this, but I am a past

pupil of this school. I can still remember very clearly my last day when leaving Year 6 - the tears, the emotion, the upset at leaving. That was all because of the school, the staff, what I had achieved and experienced whilst here. I know first hand what it means to be a St Joseph's leaver, and I want to ensure that future leavers look back on their time here with the same fond memories I do, and also go on to achieve and fulfil their dreams and ambitions.

I also want to personally thank all of the parents who have spoken to me over the last week. Your support and encouragement has been overwhelming and I have been genuinely moved by your kind words. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you and for being so supportive of our school.

So, to a new future for the school. To providing the best for your children. You may not always agree with every decision I make, but please be assured that each and every decision I do make, is in the best interests of all the children. I am excited and honoured to be able to lead our school. Have a wonderful half term.

*\*Yes, that's me and my brother proudly wearing our St Joseph's jumpers! (Me on the right!)*





**A reminder school is closed to pupils on Thursday 8th June for the General Election as the building is used as a polling station.**

### **Mighty Zulu Nation**

Earlier this week the children enjoyed a spectacular demonstration and workshop by performers from the Mighty Zulu Nation company. They experienced song, dance and learnt about the Zulu culture. This forms part of a whole school topic learning all about different aspects of Africa. We hope they enjoyed it and weren't too traumatised by the sight of the teachers doing some traditional Zulu dancing!



Congratulations to one of our pupils who has recently been awarded her 1st Black Belt star in Taekwondo. Well done!

If you have any stories of success or accomplishments of your children outside of school please do share them and they can be included in future newsletters to showcase your amazing talented children.

### **Attendance**



Our school attendance for the year to date stands at 95.5% The expectation is 96%

I will shortly be writing to parents with more details regarding the importance of good attendance, requests for authorised absence and revisiting our policy.

### **Parent Panel**

I will shortly be selecting and contacting the parents selected for the latest Parent Panel session. Parent Panel is an opportunity for me to meet with parents to sit and discuss some key issues. This meeting will focus on “What are the top 5 things we are doing well? What are the top 5 things we need to improve?” You can put your name forward to be part of the ‘bank’ of parents at any time by downloading, completing and returning the form on the website (on the letters page) at any time. Look forward to seeing you there!

### **Thought for the term**

We join in with celebrating and praying with our Year 3 children who have made their First Holy Communions. We hope you and your extended families had a very special day. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. We offer the Lords Prayer, the Family Prayer, The Our Father to our Y3 children.



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