



## Head-lines

As another Academic year draws to a close, I wanted to write to you one last time to celebrate all that has gone on this half-term, thank you for your continued support and let you know about some upcoming things. In this edition of the St Joseph's News, we also bid some farewells to both pupils and staff.

I am thoroughly looking forward to September and returning in the new school year with the honour and privilege of being the permanent Headteacher of the school. I can't wait to get busy, driving things forward to ensure that the school continues to grow and develop to offer our pupils the very best. Well, maybe after a small rest!

I wish you all a lovely Summer, whether you 'Staycate' or go for some 'fun in the sun' (perhaps the latter would be best - as I write this, the heavens have just opened!), and I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September

Yours,

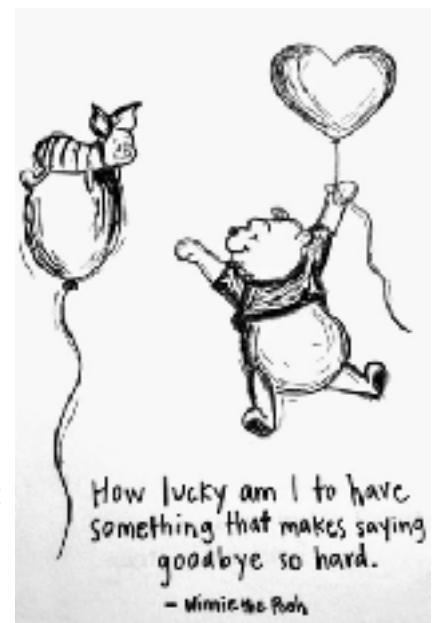
Mr Turner

## Goodbye.....

As we say goodbye to the Academic Year 2016-17, we also bid farewell to some pupils and staff.

Every year we have the sadness of seeing our Y6 pupils leave us. On behalf of every teacher and member of staff who has worked with them over the years, it has been an honour to see them develop and grow, both educationally as well as socially, morally and spiritually. The sadness we feel at saying goodbye to them is lessened by the pride we have for them and wish them every success as they continue their journeys.

Year 6 - you have been amazing, I really hope you have enjoyed your time at St Joseph's, and are proud of all that you have achieved and accomplished over the years. I am sure you will continue to shine in your High Schools and do hope you will come back to visit.



This year we also say goodbye to a long standing member of staff - Miss Passman. Miss Passman has worked at St Joseph's for 18 years and so many children have been through her care. On behalf of all the children she has taught, I want to thank her for her dedication, hard work and love for the children. Miss Passman, you will be missed by both pupils and staff and I wish you all the best for the future.

We also say a (temporary) goodbye to Miss Dilworth as she departs to have her baby. I wish her all the best and we look forward to meeting her new arrival in September.

Another example of how proud I am of our children - Some Y5 girls recently took it upon themselves to plan and organise a cake sale with all proceeds going to Cancer Research. Thanks to the thoughtfulness and initiative of Anna, Arwen, Amelia and Sophie, they managed to raise £156.58 to donate to the charity. The girls set up the sale, but then I know that other children in Y5 got involved with making and selling the cakes. Thank you all so much for your work and generosity.

## ...PTA NEWS...

After a very successful run as Chair, Andrea Roberts has handed the baton to Nicky Charles. Andrea, along with the rest of the PTA have done some great things this year, including bingo sessions, Summer Fair and Quiz Nights (Although I believe Mr Nayland is still upset at losing the crown and is demanding a recount!). A huge thank you to Andrea and all the PTA for all their work - all money raised goes directly to the school and children - in fact the PTA have made a very generous contribution to the playground work taking place over the Summer. Please can I urge you to continue to support the PTA, by attending the events or joining up. I am sure Nicky, new Vice Chair Liz and all the PTA would love to welcome some new faces next year.



### A few reminders mentioned in previous letters

- Please can I stress the importance of labelling all items of uniform
- Please can you support me in my drive to ensure good standards of uniform presentation
- When we return in September, the playground installation should be complete. A polite reminder that children should not climb on it during collection/drop off
- Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September
- We welcome two new members of staff - Miss Page who will be teaching in F2 and Mr Walker who will be teaching in Y5.

### Thought for the term

As we are thinking about changes and moving on, for anyone feeling anxious, find comfort in these words, taken from the Book of Joshua:

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

