St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
School Improvement
Parent Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I have received over these first few weeks at St Joseph's. I am delighted to have been given the privilege of serving this school community, and working with Mrs Truss and all the staff to make our school the very best that it can be. Usually I am outside the school gates and on the junior playground at the end of the school day each Tuesday and Thursday. Please do come and say hello.

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Executive Head Teacher

Deepening Faith

Hopefully our children have been telling you all about the prayers we say at the start and end of each day. **One way you can help with this is taking the time each day to ask them who they want to pray for.** Often the children's answers can be really insightful.



Strengthening Academic Excellence

Having visited all our classrooms several times, I have been really struck by every year group's appetite for learning. Every class have been focussed and determined to produce their very best work. **One way we can expand our children's learning is to create daily space and time for them to read at home.**



Improving Physical Development

During September our midday supervisors, led by Mrs Tracey, have done a fantastic job making our lunchtime play much more active. The Y3-Y6 children now have access to netball, basketball, dance, skipping and block building, as well as football and table tennis. **To encourage speaking skills you could ask your child what they enjoyed doing in the playground today.**



Widening Cultural Capital

It was great to see the Y4 and Y5 children heading out once again on field trips to Kent Life Museum and Greenwich Observatory to learn more about the Romans and Space respectively. **Perhaps there is something on the children's curriculum you might visit or explore as a family.**



Empowering Leadership

As a school staff we are going to be thinking about the various roles we all play in making St Joseph's an excellent school for every child. With this in mind, it was wonderful to see so many of our children appointed to various job and responsibilities last week- I hope they wear their badges with pride. **Maybe identify one job that our children could do at home, something that they are responsible for.**