

Weekly News

16/07/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you and your families have had a good week? The final week of term has been excellent in school and we have had the opportunity to celebrate the end of term, with lots of activities for the children to engage in and enjoy.

The year, has been perhaps one of the most challenging and the constant disruption caused by the pandemic has certainly made providing our consistent approaches to education difficult. I am however, really proud of the way the school community has approached all aspects of the work we have undertaken in staying open every day of the last year and continuing on our school improvement journey as a school. I do know however, that everyone is now ready for the long summer break, providing us all with opportunities to recharge, before we go again in the new year. It is impossible, at this point, to accurately predict what the new academic year will bring, but we are hopeful that Government restrictions will continue to lift and that we can return to our ways of working prior to March 20th 2020, pre-pandemic. We are, at this point, looking at the dismantling of our 'hub' practices and bringing the school community back together in all areas of work. We will however, continue to be guided by the Department for Education and as we are aware their guidance can change frequently, at often short notice. We will certainly keep you informed of any developments that may occur over the summer break.

On Monday, all the children had trips and visits with their class teams. The feedback I received was very positive, in that the pupils had a great time and built further independence skills along the way. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each hub joined in our end of Term Mass, where we gave thanks for all we have received this year, a celebratory special lunch in the dining room, which was followed by a bespoke 'festival' developed by Mr Dumville in the Chapel grass area, which I know the children have really enjoyed. Seeing the children socialise in these experiences has been great and we commend the children for their participation, engagement, manners and willingness to join in fully and have a go.

During these sessions I was able to present awards to children and am thrilled to announce the winners of the Pupils of the Summer Term and my 'Key Stage Headteacher' Gold Card awards. Well done to all these winners;

Class 1 Ayla

Class 2 Aiden

Class 3 Kian

Class 4 Charlie

Class 5 Rayyan

Class 6 Nerine

Class 7 Heaven

Class 8 Leon

Class 9 Megan

Class 10 Ben

Class 11 J ay

Class 12 Dan

Class 13 Damien

Headteacher award winners were

KS2 Szymon

KS3 Katie

KS4 Ben

KS5 Josh

On Friday our children attended their new classes with pupils transitioning to SJV in September. Again, it was fantastic to see the warm welcome our new children received today.

We are certainly looking forward to a return to school in Sentember, but are conscious of the need for all



Class 8

Class 8 enjoyed their End of Year Trip on Monday 12th July. They enjoyed playing golf, despite the weather! *Mr Whelan*.



Class

7



Class 7 had a wonderful time at our end of term trip to the Trafford Centre; Crazy golf, shopping, food courts, bowling and the arcades'. With the finale; a staff V student bumper car challenge, a great way to end the year in Class 7! **MrsGarfin**





Class 13

Post 16 enjoyed a wet trip to Lytham St Annes for their end of year trip. Despite the weather everyone enjoyed fish and chips and an ice cream. *Mr Kanakides*



Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that the Delta variant of COVID-19 is a cause for concern across Greater Manchester and nationally. We would like to remind you that we have Home testing kits that can be used by all the family. Simply arrange to pick one or more up from the school office. Alternatively, you will be able to obtain them locally. Simply access the following link and enter your home post code for the supplier nearest to you.

https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/

Our Catholic School

It's the end of term! I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. Its been a challenging year for everyone, but with a bit of perseverance and a lot of faith we have found new strengths as a school community. We look forward to the next academic year and we have hope and faith that it will be a more 'normal' year.

In our final week together, we focussed on support and sharing our faith with other. The Gospel reminds us of the roles we are asked to play in sharing His message with others. We, like his Apostles are chosen. Pope Francis reminds us 'open up your heart and listen to what God is saying to you'

It was a lovely end to our year together as each of the bubbles had their own end of term celebration day and Mass with Father Des. It was wonderful to see the Chaplaincy Team back doing liturgical dances, I would tell you which bubble had won the dance off, but they were all winners! After mass each bubble had a meal together in the dining hall and then we had a festival afternoon, with games, dancing & drinks. Our own mini Glastonbury- SJV style! It was a wonderful way to end the year together.

In RE this week we celebrated our year together, looking at thanksgiving and praise. We made small gifts or wrote cards of thanks to give to people who have helped us on our faith journey this year. *Mrs Garfin*















Stars of the Week last week. Well done to everyone.







purple hub festival on Wednesday! They loved dressing up and getting their faces painted!

Mr Wood

Class 12

Class 12 had a fabulous end of year trip. We had a great meal at Nando's. I will miss my form; they have truly been a delight. Good luck next year Class 12.

Mrs Shawcross, Mr Patel , Ms Carney





Class 11

Class 11 really enjoyed the Festival of Fun on Tuesday. They played games, exchanged friendship bands and danced to some great music in the tent. *Mr Donovan*



Class 6 had a very exciting morning on Monday with our visitor. We played games, did lots of dancing and watched a magic show. *Miss Shaw*









Pupils and staff had fun in the sun on Friday at our Activities Afternoon. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant afternoon playing a sport of their choice, and it was great to see SJV playing hard and working well together. Same again next year please! *Mr Whelan*





















It is a key word sign—supported communication system based on British Sign Language. All staff use Signalong and this week we are learning how to sign

"Throw"

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Working loosely cupped hand (palm forward, pointing up) moves forward.

