



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children of St Joseph's,

We had a lovely week in school again last week with those children in Early Years, Y1 and Y6 who have returned and the key worker children who join us when required. All children are focused on their learning, behaving impeccably and we are trying hard to maintain as much normality as we possibly can in the circumstances. We hold twice-weekly assemblies in school via Teams, including our Monday Gospel assembly. Ten: Ten, a company that we use to support the delivery of our assemblies, have produced Gospel assemblies for children to participate in at home. I would encourage children to access this on a Monday to enable them to reflect upon the Sunday Gospel teaching. The link to this week's assembly is: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/do-not-be-afraid>. I will post this and subsequent links on our school Facebook page weekly.

In our Friday success assemblies, we continue to celebrate the excellent work of our children. Our Wow award winners for last week are:

Nursery- **Sofia**, for settling in so well in her first week in Nursery

Reception- **Lewis S**, who has really applied himself to learning and is working really hard in all areas
Year 1, group 1- **Frankie**, for a real effort with handwriting and some super writing about the seaside

Year 1, group 1- **Harry**, for a great improvement in his reading and all-round super attitude to learning

Year 6, group 1- **Grace**, whose bubbly personality and sunny smile is keeping everyone happy

Year 6, group 2- **Lucas M**, who is making a fantastic effort with his presentation and has been impressing his teachers with some super story writing this week

Key worker group- Mrs Clarkson could choose one of the three in this bubble so chose them all!

Isobel for creating an excellent PowerPoint presentation, **Jacob** for always having a smile on his face and **Jaxson** for settling back into school so well and working incredibly hard.

Really well done to all of our Wow winners this week, and all children for continuing to work to the best of your ability. I have seen some excellent work this week and am really proud of you all.

This week is Change 4 Life week, where as a school we promote healthy lifestyles. If your children are attending school, please send them in their school PE kits on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as they will be involved in lots of physical activity on those days. The sunny weather is forecast to return for much of the week, so please ensure that children are sent to school with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream. For those children in Years 2- 5 who are not back with us yet, there will be activities on your class learning page related to Change 4 Life week. If you would like to share photos of yourselves getting fit and active or making healthy foods, please email them to the school office



(stjoseph@sjnewman.co.uk) and we will share these with your teachers and post on Facebook if you have given consent.

For parents in Years 2- 5, I am hoping that you have read Mrs Farmer's letter from last week, informing you that we have decided to hold weekly class Teams meetings for children in these classes, to enable them to see and chat to their teacher/s and friends. You will be sent a text each week to inform you of the day and time of your child's class meeting, and an hour before these scheduled meetings, you will receive a text with a link that you can click on to join at the designated time. It would be lovely for as many children to join in as possible and I know the staff are really looking forward to seeing the children.

At the time of writing, we have no definitive plan for the return of all pupils, although it is the government's intention for all children to return to school in September. We will continue to keep you updated of any developments as soon as we are informed. In the meantime, please remember that we are available at school to support all of our families, so do not hesitate to contact us if you need to.

With very best wishes,

Mrs R Wilson,
Acting Head of School.