



St Joseph's **Catholic Academy**



Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They all seem so happy and well rested after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you and all your families had a wonderful break, and we wish you the very best for 2024.

As we start the new term, the PTFA are very much looking forward to planning events for the rest of the academic year. If you have any ideas or would like to offer your support, please do come along to the next meeting which will take place on Tuesday 16th January at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in school, please come to the main Office.

The next event led by the PTFA will be the Bingo Night. This will take place on Friday 9th February in the Church Hall. More details to follow ...



Next week we warmly welcome two student teachers into our school, as they begin their school placements with us. We welcome Miss Tamika Zulu to Year 2 and Miss Grace Robinson to Year 5.

Calling all willing volunteers!!!!! Mrs Vahder and Mrs Amphlett are looking for volunteers to help run our Forest School sessions. If there are any parents or family members who would be willing to give their time to help support with these sessions, please contact the school Office. Thank you.

First Holy Communion meeting for parents will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7pm in the Octagonal Hall. If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2024, it is important that you attend this meeting. Thank you.

Finally, as many of you already know, Mrs Trappitt will soon be leaving us as she goes on maternity leave. We keep her and her family in our prayers over the next few weeks as they prepare for this very special time.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. God bless, Mrs Dabbs

Please remember to send your child in to school in their PE kits on the following days:

Monday: Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 Tuesday: Year 2 and Year 5 Wednesday: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Thursday: Year 4 and Year 6 Friday: Foundation and Year 6

Key dates for your diaries...

Monday 15th January – Relationships, Sex & Health Education - Parent Meeting in school @ 2:30pm

Tuesday 16th January – PTFA Meeting in school – all parents welcome to come along @ 6:30pm

Thursday 25th January - Open Classrooms for RE all parents welcome until 9:30am

Tuesday 30th January – Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

Friday 9th February – Mardi Gras Festival in school

Friday 9th February – PTFA Bingo Night

Friday 16th February – last day of the half term

HALF TERM BREAK Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February

Monday 26th February – Return to school

Our virtue for January is... LOVE OF LEARNING

Moments of PRIDE...



Mrs Freestone and Mrs Dabbs were thrilled to meet with

representatives from the Year 5 class before Christmas. The children had requested a meeting to discuss the possibility of teaching Spanish in school instead of French. We listened to their passionate plea, which was very persuasive and we finally agreed on a happy compromise... we hope to introduce a Spanish after school very soon. Watch this space for updates!