



St Joseph's Catholic Academy







Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Families.

Welcome back the second half of this term and what an exciting few weeks we have ahead of us. We began our exciting activities this week with our preparations for celebrating All Saints Day. The children look fantastic in their saints costumes today, it has been wonderful to hear them telling their friends and staff all about their saint. It has definitely made the feast day extra special this year!

Moments of Pride

Congratulations to our Girls Table Tennis team who came first in their finals this week, which means that they qualify to go through to the County Tournament. Good luck girls!





We were honoured to be invited to a very special event at HTFC this week to celebrate the arrival of The Emirates FA Cup Trophy! We joined an exclusive press conference ahead of the historic FA Cup first round tie away at Tonbridge Angels FC.

During the press conference one of our Year 6 pupils asked the question: 'What makes a good player?' The question was very well received and HTFC Manager Mitch summarised his response by saying: 'The desire to do better and believe'. Very similar to our school motto!

Our Church Bazaar is fast approaching and as always, we will be working together to support this fundraising event for our Parish. We will be hosting non-school uniform days in exchange for items for the bazaar. Our first non-school uniform will be on Thursday 14th November – please bring items for the tombola (bottles of alcohol, soft drinks, beauty products, boxes of chocolates etc. thank you).

Finally, we hope to see many of you at our celebration event in the <u>hall today at 3:30pm</u>, when we will be joined by MP Neil O'Brien and Harborough FM!

Have a wonderful weekend, God bless, Mrs Dabbs

Key dates for your diary:

Friday 1st November All Saints Day

- Children come to school dressed as their favourite Saint.
- 2. Mass in Church at 10am

Monday 11th November Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 15th November Homework projects deadline

Wednesday 20th November Open Classrooms

Friday 29th November Staff training day
School closed to children

Saturday 30th November Church Bazaar

PE update... now that we are back in the hall for our PE lessons, children can return to wearing school uniform every day and changing into PE kits for their PE lessons only. We ask that from **Monday 11**th **November** children bring their PE kits into school and leave them in school every day until the end of this half term. This will give us more opportunity to be flexible with PE lessons. Thank you for your support with this. Planned PE days:

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



<u>Christmas Nativity Plays</u> Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2



We are happy to announce that plans for our Nativity plays have begun this week and we ask you all to please keep these dates in your diaries:

Foundation

Wednesday 4th December at 2pm Thursday 5th December at 2pm

Year 1 and 2

Monday 9th December at 2pm Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and 6pm