



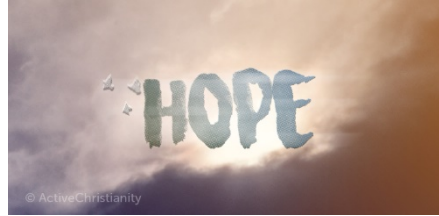
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Jesus in all we do'



**'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone! The new is here!'
2 Corinthians 5:17**

11th January 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all.

2019 has got off to a flying start here in school. It was lovely to see all of your children on Tuesday, looking smart in their uniforms and ready to learn.

I would like to welcome Miss Farmer to our teaching team here at St Joseph's. She has replaced Miss West in Reception Pear and has had a lovely first week with us. We also have a new teacher in Year 4 Oak, Mr Kane, as Mr Hampton has unfortunately had to leave us at very short notice. He, like Miss Farmer, has been made to feel very welcome and has settled in with us well. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Miss Hancox, now Mrs Atkinson on her wedding which took place over the Christmas break. You may have noticed, those of you who have been to the office window this week, the absence of Mrs Hunt; unfortunately, she is poorly at present so please keep her in your prayers. We hope to see her back very soon. Mrs Burston is doing an amazing job so thank you to her for holding the fort!!!

There is much to look forward to this term. Thank you to all of you who attended mass this morning; as we say goodbye to the Christmas season and enter Ordinary Time, we can look forward to the lighter nights and the first signs of Spring!!

Curriculum letters will be sent home on Friday giving you all of the up to date information that you need about your children's learning this term. There are also the year group pages on the website that contain lots of useful information and updates. Make sure that you have a look at them.

An exciting project for the start of 2019...

Last term, as part of their environmental focus, our School Parliament collected plastic bottles to erect a 'Bottle Greenhouse' and we have decided to celebrate this project in a week of outdoor activities.





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This will take place in the **week beginning 21st January** and will include **Saturday 26th** but we will need your help!! As well as the greenhouse, we will be taking the opportunity to tidy the prayer garden and erect some new fencing. We will also tackle the pond which is in need of major work to enable us to be able to use it. Unfortunately, it became poisoned; this is what halted the project which was undertaken by the School Parliament during 2017-2018. It is our aim to have the pond up and running for valuable learning as soon as possible.

If you are able to help us in any way either with resources or time (even if for an hour during the week) then please leave your name with the school office. Mrs McDonagh is putting together a timetable so watch out for more updates next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to work as a community for our children – they will be out there too!!

Following this, last weekend, I read in the parish newsletter about a campaign in Worcester at the moment called 'Talk to me Worcester' which is aimed at bringing people together to have meaningful conversations and fun. The most inclusive and innovative projects will receive a prize from the mayor!! When I read about this, I realised that our plans fitted perfectly. They have a Facebook page so please visit it and take a look!! For now please think about what you can do to help us and register your interest with the office. This is a really exciting venture to mark the beginning of a new year

Yours as always in faith and partnership

Mrs Bury

Head Teacher

Important Reminders for the Spring Term

21st January – Year 1 Class Assembly

28th January – 1st February Science Week

11th February Reception Pear Assembly

14th February Golden Certificates 9.15am KS2; 2.30pm KS1

Half Term 18th – 22nd February

4th – 8th March Book Week (World Book Day 7th March)

Wednesday 6th March Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday **LENT BEGINS**

Tuesday 19th March Whole School Mass for St Joseph's Day

18th – 22nd March Internet Safety Week

Wednesday 20th March Parents Evening

Tuesday 9th April Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 2pm

Wednesday 10th April Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6pm

Thursday 11th April Golden Certificates with Chocolate Raffle KS1 9.15am; KS2 2.30pm

Friday 12th April Whole School Mass for Holy Week

