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'Following
Jesus in all we do'

Dear Parents

18th October 2018

What a busy term we have had and now with only one week to go we will be celebrating the harvest. Thank you so much to all of you for your kind generosity in supporting both Cafod and the red and white day for the people of Indonesia. I am always bowled over by your kindness. I have been sharing the Acts of Mercy with the children in relation to our charitable work, our fund raising celebrates our Catholic Mission to comfort and console, shelter and feed those in need.

For your information, I have included the image that is displayed in every classroom. Our children are very proud of what they do to help others and quite rightly so. Last year we raised in total over £6000 for charity – what a team we are!!

Next week we have two open mornings on Monday and Wednesday to which you are all most welcome. Please recommend us to friends that have children due to start school in September 2019, bring them along, let them see how hard we work and what we do for the children in our care. Year 5 and 6 children will be your guides after the assembly - the children are our greatest ambassadors - they will tell any visitor what it is like here at St Josephs and guide them around the school.

I am really excited about the developments of the Wednesday afternoon parent group. Thank you to all who have attended this term. I look forward to seeing many of you next Wednesday afternoon, 24th October. The focus will be feedback on the meetings thus far and planning for the maths focus for November. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't attended the workshops or meetings before.

On another note, it has been brought to my attention that parents who drop their children off at Sunflowers are taking it upon themselves to walk into school to see teachers. This is not appropriate. The time before school is precious to my staff who use it to prepare, mark and assess as well as meet together to discuss pupil progress which is confidential. If you need to see your child's teacher then you can speak briefly to them at 8.50 when dropping off your child or make an appointment to meet with them. We are proud of our open door policy but trying to speak to teachers as early as 8am is not acceptable. If it is really urgent then you can leave a message with Sunflowers for the class teacher to call you or likewise send in a note.

As we come to the end of another busy term, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a well-earned break. Next Friday you will receive the final newsletter for the half term with all of the key dates and information that you need. Next term sees Mrs Jackson leaving us to go on maternity leave. I am sure that you will join us in wishing her well and keep her and her family in your prayers. We will let you know when baby arrives!!

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

