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Dear Parents

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*'Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment
until it becomes a memory'*

What a wonderful term we have had culminating in our mass of thanksgiving today where we said goodbye to Year 6, bon voyage to Miss Hill, au revoir to Mrs Harrison and a fond farewell to Father Andrew. Their loss will be felt by us all but we will strive on into the next academic year all the better for knowing them and wishing them all well in their new ventures! Our prayers are with them all. Thanks too to all of you for your never ending support.

We all deserve our Summer break now and an opportunity to be with our families and friends. I am so proud of the way that our children embrace all aspects of school life here at St Joseph's.

One World Week last week was a fantastic time where the children explored the prayer life of the faiths of the world and took part in a wonderful art project which I am sure that you have seen on the wall outside and also in the hall. We are thankful to Miss Hill for leading on this and for the wonderful way that the visiting artist worked with our KS2 children; we are grateful for the patience and hard work of Mr Price our Site Manager in helping to display the work. It really looks stunning which I am sure you will agree.

The Mayor's visit on Friday was a huge success. I was very grateful to the three Year 6 liturgy planners who showed the mayor around the school. He was impressed with all he saw and enjoyed afternoon tea on a grand scale with the pupils of the week. Huge thanks go to Tina our Catering Manager for the great spread. I have received so many lovely email messages. Our children are a real credit. The Mayor's visit ended with a discussion with some of our pupil leadership groups who explained the role that they have in school. St Joseph's Parking Partnership invited the Mayor to accompany them on parking duty and they explained how they are dedicated in trying to help to keep our school community safe. They also showed the latest addition to the scheme – our parking people. These were chosen by the group and I am sure that you will agree they give a very clear message. We will be continuing to work with the local police on this very important initiative next year. We will also continue to work with you on seeking out alternative solutions to driving to school.

Congratulations to all of the children who received 100% attendance certificates for the term this week – all 141 of them and special congratulations to the 36 children who were awarded 100% attendance badges for not missing a day of school all year: 11 from KS1 and 25 from KS2.

Thank to those that have completed the annual parent survey which this year is online. This is a really important way for us to move forward together; to date only 31 responses have been received which will not provide us with truly valid feedback. You still have time to take part as the deadline is Wednesday 31st July 2019. Link to parent log in: <https://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/2X1NC/> Password: SJC14789parent

This just leaves me to wish you a happy holiday on behalf of the staff and governors. We look forward to seeing you all back again on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

