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'Following
Jesus in all we do'

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Dear Parents

'And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him'. Colossians 3:17

Here we are at the end of another academic year with much to be thankful for, much to reflect on and much to look forward to. We have been talking about our journey to two form entry for a long time and actually we are not far off now, only two more years to go!! We are very proud of our achievements. As a school we live out the Catholic mission in so many ways. We are seeing the impact of all of our curriculum development work on the confidence and learning attitudes of our children.

Academically this year, we have achieved some of the best ever results at St Joseph's:

- The best 'Good Level of Development' in Reception – 74%
- The best Phonics results for our Year 1 pupils – 96% of our children achieving the required standard
- Outstanding progress at Key Stage 1 for all pupils
- Increased 'Combined Score' at Key Stage 2 from 55% last year to 73% of our Year 6 children achieving age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

This is all down to the hard work and dedication of the staff here at school and we couldn't do it without your support and partnership. We really are a great school and I know that I say this often but I really feel privileged to be your head teacher and to work with such an amazing team of people.

The excitement of new building developments within school shows how forward thinking we continue to be. Tina and her team have coped brilliantly this week, preparing food for KS1 in the Food Technology room, in the new building. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We must not forget Alan, our Site Manager, who works tirelessly to keep our building and site safe. He has been a great support to Tina and will be on site during the holiday to ensure all goes to plan with the internal developments. We will endeavour to keep you up to date during the holiday with photos on the website.

I hope that you enjoyed reading the bumper newsletter put together by Mrs Hunt that came out yesterday. It is full of sports news, ideas to entertain the children during the summer break, key dates for next year and 'Mrs Bury's thought'.....which I have linked to the Bible reference at the top of this letter. Life is so challenging for us, remembering our best is good enough is hard sometimes but it really is!

All this leaves me to do is to wish you, from myself and all the staff and Governors here at St Joseph's, a wonderful summer break. Enjoy a well-earned rest, ready to face the challenges that the new academic year always brings!

Yours as ever in faith and partnership

Mrs Bury
Headteacher

