Dear Parent / Carers.

Not long now to the end of the year! It has been a very busy year, but very successful. I hope you have taken the time to read the Ofsted report from our inspection on the 15th May, it is on the website. We continue to be a good school and it was great to see the inspector recognising and applauding the varied and exciting curriculum we give all our children.

This will continue next year, the teachers are busy planning new topics, visitors and visits.

Transition morning is Wednesday 3rd July – children will spend the morning in their new classes.

A reminder Sports day is Wednesday 17th July – KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon.

The Year 6 Leavers Mass is Thursday 18th July at 9:30am, with the Year 6 play the Wednesday 17th at 6pm and Thursday 18th at 1:30pm.

All staff wish Year 6 the best; we hope the SAT results on Tuesday 9th July reflect all the hard work the staff and children put in. We also hope they grow in strength as they start their secondary schools and they have fond memories of St Joseph’s and remember the key values we taught them (and don’t forget to visit!)

Below is a list of the new classes for September.

School starts on Tuesday 2nd September 8:45am.

Have a lovely summer

Mr Arnold

Head of School.

Next year: We are looking to roll out a new mission statement in September, along with looking closely at the Catholic Virtues, which we expect all our children to display. Keep a look out for this!

All classes will have a class virtue they will look at in depth through the year and a Class Saint they will research and then deliver a whole school Liturgy on.

The new curriculum in September has a lot of focus on teaching children key vocabulary, skills and general knowledge. From this, we have decided next year to name the classes after types of trees. The children will learn about their class tree and plant their tree during the first term.

New classes from September:

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| Class | Name / Tree | Teacher | Virtue | Saint |
| Nursery | Cherry | Mrs Warke / Miss Wild | Kindness | Saint Mother Theresa |
| Reception | Hazel | Mrs McGovern | Resilience | Saint Ambrose |
| Reception | Elder | Mrs Blenkarn | Forgiveness | Saint Mary Magdalene |
| Year 1 / 2 | Willow | Mrs Garnett | Reflection | Saint John the Evangelist |
| Year 1 / 2 | Maple | Miss Klenk | Friendship | Saint Francis |
| Year 1 / 2 | Rowan | Mrs Sheridan | Hope | Saint Jude |
| Year 3 | Oak | Mr Palmer | Confidence | Saint Peter |
| Year 4 | Hawthorn | Mrs McCarter / Mrs Coventry | Trustworthiness | Saint Paul |
| Year 5 | Chestnut | Mrs Sampson | Love of Learning | St Hilda |
| Year 6 | Elm | Mrs Fisher | Responsible citizenship | St Oscar Romero |