



# ST. JUDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn1 Newsletter

### **Message to Parents from the Headteacher**

I would like to thank you all for your co-operation during this half term. Children returning to school was understandably a worrying prospect for many parents but the children have settled back into school wonderfully and have adjusted without fuss to any changes we have made to make school 'Covid secure'. To see the children engage in learning again and socialise with their friends has been delightful.

Looking forward to the next half term, it is disappointing that we will be unable to celebrate Christmas in our usual way; the nativity, carol concerts and Christmas parties. However, all St Jude's staff will endeavour to make Christmas as special and magical as possible. We have a few surprises up our sleeves for the children! We will continue to operate the one-way system and staggered start and finish times. Please do not arrive at school before 8.45am or 3pm, as we are trying to avoid crowds of people waiting at the gate.

Given the uncertainty at current times we will continue to keep you informed of any important messages via Facebook, Parentmail, Class Dojo and the school website. However, if you have any concerns then please do speak to me or a member of staff. Our door is always open.

Stay safe,  
Mr Wilson

### **Contact Details**

If you move address or change your telephone number, please inform the office ASAP. It is important, in particular at the current time, that we have correct contact details.

### **Parent Governor Vacancies**

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors. If you would like more information, please see the school website or call the school for an informal chat. The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Harvest**

We are collecting donations of food and toiletries for 'The Brick Project'. Each class will make their own hamper to gift to this worthy local charity. We will be collecting donations until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Class Dojo and Home Learning**

If your child is unable to attend school due to the need to isolate then we will send home a pack of work for them to complete but, as from 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the government are insisting that they should access work online. At St Jude's we are setting work, mainly via video lessons for your child to watch, on Class Dojo.

If you do not have a PC or tablet for your child to use then we will lend you a laptop

which should be returned when your child returns to school. We can deliver the laptop to your house when we drop off the work pack – please just let us know.

### **High School Applications**

If your child is in Year 6 you should have received a letter inviting you to apply for their place at High School. Applications should be submitted online. To ensure you get a High School of choice please ensure you complete the application before the deadline, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### **Half Term Break**

School will be closed for one week from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, reopening on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Reporting Absences**

Please make sure you give us a call, leaving a message if you can't speak to anyone, if your child will be absent from school. Due to Covid-19 it is very important that we record accurately the reasons why your child is absent and, if they are unwell, their symptoms.

If your child is tested for coronavirus and receives a positive result, then it is very important that you inform us as soon as possible. You can do this by sending us a message on Facebook messenger or a Class Dojo message.

*“Together, we learn, love and grow with Jesus”*



# ST. JUDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn1 Newsletter

### Roald Dahl Day

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday by enjoying a range of Roald Dahl stories and taking part in a range of activities...



*Pre-school looked at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and made chocolate buns.*



*Reception looked at a scene from George's Marvellous Medicine and created portions.*



*Year 2 wrote about capturing an enormous crocodile!*

### World Mental Health Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October we supported World Health Day. We raised £87.50 in donations which we will be passing on to YoungMinds. Thank you.



### Class Dojo Hamper Winner



*Well done, John Kennedy, who won the Class Dojo chocolate hamper draw*

### Virtual Assemblies and Achievers

This term Mr Wilson has begun to hold our Achiever's Assemblies on Microsoft Teams on Thursday afternoons.



Well done to all our Achievers this term. Here are just a few....



*"Together, we learn, love and grow with Jesus"*