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Dear Parents and Carers

Almost 10 years ago, the Governors and SLT set themselves a huge challenge to upgrade all the resources available to our children to ensure St Joseph's is a wonderful school to learn in.

During this half term we actually achieved this enormous challenge with the upgrading of the library. It looks fantastic and we hope our children will love it.

We have now refurbished all classrooms, staff room, toilets, Pre-School, new roof, new hall floor and new doors and windows. Each year group has suitable chairs and tables for the children's ages. The kitchen was done 13 years ago but we continued to upgrade the equipment and invested in a state-of-the-art dishwasher.

We designed and built the new EYFS playground. We had planned a surprise grand opening by an Olympic Gold Medal swimmer. Miss Cartwright was in on the secret as she had to spend her lunchtime taking pictures of the new equipment. Sadly, Covid got in the way!

During the summer break, the 2nd phase of upgrading our heating ducts was completed. The covers to the radiators in KS2 were completed during Easter break. The lighting in the hall was upgraded to LED. We intend to replace all lighting in our school building as quickly as funds allow.

CTouch screens have replaced the outdated whiteboards in Pre-School, YR, Y1, Y3 and Y4. We aim to purchase three more by half term for Y2, Y5 and Y6 from the School Building Fund.

All this was achieved despite tight budget constraints and our thanks goes to the incredible support of St Joseph's school community. Without your support to our School Building Fund and the dedication of our PTFA committee, we could not have achieved this.

It has been a very hard year for all of us and we look forward to returning to normal when we hope to share happy school events with you all again very soon.

Wishing you a happy St. George's Day.

With kind regards
Your Governing Board