

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Let the light of Christ shine in us'

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear all,

Sitting down to write this final newsletter has been very difficult.

It firstly signals the end of this academic year. This would usually be the time of celebration, celebrating the wonderful achievements you all would have made throughout the year, some academic, some sporting, some more personal. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this at the current time. However, I cannot wait to hear all about all of the fantastic things you have achieved over the last few months on your return in September.

Secondly, it puts closure on this period of time of partial school re-admittance. We have made some wonderful memories during this time, and I would like to thank all of those who were able to come back to make school seem normal and for giving it your all.

I would also like to thank all of you who were unable to come into school. Both you and your parents have made me a very proud headteacher. The constant effort you have put into your work, the dedication to staying focused, the perseverance of being able to continue through this period of constant change. All of the staff cannot wait for you to return in September and will look forward to seeing all your wonderful faces again.

This is the part I find the hardest. Saying goodbye.

I would first like to say a huge thank you to a few members of our PA. Firstly to the Year six parents who have supported over the years. Be that at the fair or Christmas Bonanza, or helping with refreshments or cleaning at many of the other wonderful events that the PA hold throughout the year.

To Mr Smith, the Chair of the PA, for his wonderful service to our school. I remember back to one of the first times we met and him showing me all the items that the PA had helped support the school with. It is down to your thinking, determination and hard work that the school has such wonderful resources that have enabled a much richer learning environment and journey for ALL children at St. John's. Thank you.

To Mrs Hislop, who has gone above and beyond. I don't think words do justice to how much she does and has done for our school. If you have bought something or been to an event, it is more than likely that she has helped in some way. Even during this time of partial school closure, she has been able to deliver hoodies and yearbooks to our Year Six children. She will be sorely missed by the whole of the St. John's community and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

I would also like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to our wonderful Year Six cohort. This is not the way any of us would have wanted to leave, but you have shown such understanding and care in the way you have been. We are holding an exclusive Year Six leavers ceremony on our field in which we can give you the send-off you deserve. I hope you can join me in wishing all of them well as they take the next steps on their journey.

I would also like to say goodbye to a few others that will be leaving. Either moving away or moving to different schools. We wish you the best in your new starts.

With all of those who are leaving, I hope that you can live true to the message that you have grown up knowing 'Let the light of Christ shine in us'. You now have the opportunity to be the light, be that in your new and existing friendships, be that in the way you behave, or be that in the way you continue to grow. Remember you always have the support and guidance of God, our true friend.

I would like to finish this newsletter with the prayer from our Year Six Mass yesterday. (Thank you to Mrs De'ath for finding this).

May God give you

For every storm, a rainbow

For every tear, a smile

For every care, a promise

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends

A faithful friend to share

For every sigh, a sweet song

And an answer for each prayer

Have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer.

God Bless,

Mr Timson

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
(Jeremiah 29:11)*