

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all well and that you too enjoyed the half-term break.

### **Academic news**

We received during half term our ISDR (Inspection Data Summary Report) which analysed our results last year. We are pleased to report that:

#### **Reading**

Key stage 2 progress in reading (3.9) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022. Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in reading (94%) and the high standard (110+) in reading (48%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.

#### **Maths**

Key stage 2 progress in mathematics (4.5) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest** 20% in 2022. Key stage 2 attainment of the high standard (110+) in mathematics (55%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest** 20% in 2022.

#### **Grammar, punctuation and spelling test**

Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test (94%) and the high standard (110+) in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test (48%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest** 20% in 2022.

#### **Attainment at key stage 2 – 2022**

Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in reading, writing and mathematics (81%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest** 20% in 2022.

Congratulations to all involved in these amazing results. While we celebrate the end of the school results, we all know that this journey is an accumulation of 7 years at SJF as well as the committed partnership with parents and families. For most pupils this begins early in development goals, nursery, reception and high-quality teaching and with milestones such as phonics and KS1 tests along the way.

Well done all.

### **Catholic Life**

#### **Harvest collection**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Harvest collection. It was an incredible bounty this year and was shared to foodbanks and charities in the Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston locality. Thank you again for your generosity.



#### **Rosary parents' session**

We will hold a Rosary parents' session in the learning lounge at 8.35 a.m. on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome from 8.30 a.m. to sit in the learning lounge. Your child(ren) can accompany you at the prayer session.



### **All Souls in November**

As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

On a Friday lunchtime during November the chaplaincy team will be giving children time to join them in the pray corner to pray for anyone they know who has died.

### **Poppy appeal**

Poppies are on sale from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, please send small change in with your child. Paper poppies are 10p and enamel poppies are £1.50. They will be available from Yr 6 sellers at breaktimes.

Stationery items are on sale in the office.

Zip pulls 50p; Reflector 50p; Wristbands £1.00; Slapbands £1.00.

### **Children in Need – The great SPOTacular**

This year’s Children in Need is all based around the young people who have faced unprecedented and life-defining changes over recent years.

To help raise money, our school council has decided to have a Non-School Uniform Day on the 17th of November. Our theme this year will be spots or bright colours.

Please click on the link below to donate to Children in Need.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8284>

Suggested donation £2.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is key priority for our school this year. The Government's national expectation is 97% and SJF aim to always be above this. Class attendance rates for the Advent 1 were:

Year Group	Attendance
Year R	95.42%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	94.57%
Year 3	94.44%
Year 4	97.32%
Year 5	95.96%
Year 6	96.48%



The class with the highest rates of attendance at the end of the Advent Term will receive a class treat!

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please can you ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised, (unless in exceptional circumstances), and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice.

## **Collection times**

We have noticed that some children are being collected later than they should. This can cause anxiety and worries for the children.

Please note, no student will be allowed to remain on the school premises at any time after 3.05pm unsupervised i.e. without a legitimate reason to be in school as part of an organised after school activity. If there is an emergency and you are running late, for whatever reason, please call/email the office to let us know. If a child is not collected by 3.10 p.m., they will be brought into the after school club and the after school care fee will be applied.

## **Advent Clubs**

Advent I clubs end this week.

Jigfit, Football club and Holy Communion classes continue.

Advent II clubs begin next week. See class dojo message that was sent out by Mrs Maksimovic on Tuesday.

## **Sport**

Well done to the boys team who played in a interschool tournament on Wednesday afternoon. They drew all three games so undefeated but not enough to get through to the next round.

Good luck to the boys' football tonight as they play in round 2 of their league campaign and to all cross country runners who run at Manor High and Prestwold Hall this week.

## **Babies & Tots**

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

## **Winter uniform**

A reminder that the children should be wearing their winter uniform this half term. This includes a blue shirt and tie. Also, remember to bring a warm coat or jacket every day in the winter. The weather can be changeable as we all know. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance. We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.



## **Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2023**

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2023 (d.o.b. 01.09.2018 – 31.08.2019) please obtain a Supplementary information form from the school office. There is also a requirement to complete an online Local Authority application before January 15th, 2023. This can be found at [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) .

There will be an Open morning on October 28<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11 a.m. and on November 16<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. for all prospective parents. Please inform any interested family and friends.

## **Secondary school applications**

Primary, Junior and Secondary headteachers are reminded to advise parents to apply for three schools and that for secondary admissions the national closing date is 31st October, and national offer date 1st March (or next working day). Catholic secondary schools will have supplementary forms too which must also be completed. The majority of Year 6 children at St John Fisher would go to St. Paul's, or English Martyrs. Local secondary schools such as the ones in Wigston and Oadby have their own admission policies and it would be well worth consulting those.

## **Mrs McGlynn**

We pray for Geraldine McGlynn, past teacher, RE subject lead and Deputy Head at SJF, who is in LOROS hospice. Keep Mrs McGlynn in your prayers.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



## Dates For the Diary

27 <sup>th</sup>	Oadby & Wigston Cross Country Meet (Years 3 & 4)
28 <sup>th</sup>	8.35 a.m. Parents' Rosary session 9 -11 a.m. Open morning for prospective parents 2023 Swimming Begins for Years 3 & 4 (First Week: Assessment Only) Advent 1 Clubs End
29 <sup>th</sup>	Prestwold Hall Cross Country Meet
31 <sup>st</sup>	Advent 2 Clubs Begin

## November

8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Warning Zone Trip
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Football (St. Paul's)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sporthall Athletics (Yr5/6) Competition – East Leicester
16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon 1.30 – 4 P.M.
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closed for Teacher Training Day</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	Prestwold Hall Cross Country Meet
27 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Advent begins
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisation

## December

1 <sup>st</sup>	Advent Mass - at 9:30am- Everyone welcome. Leicester City SSPAN Cross Country Competition Advent 2 Clubs End
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Menphys Concert
6 <sup>th</sup>	9am Year 6 Class Liturgy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinners
16 <sup>th</sup>	'Aladdin' at SJF School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

## **JULY 2023**

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**