



Friday 20th September 2024

# SJSG FRIDAY FLYER

A message from our school community

We hope that you and your child/ren have settled back into the routines of school, now that the term is well underway. As a staff, we have been delighted to see the children working hard, doing lots of brilliant learning, and are incredibly proud of how they have all adjusted to their new classes and teachers with ease. Thank you for supporting your child and us with these transitions.

Over the next few weeks we will be talking to your children about Harvest. Harvest is a time of year when we think about those who may have less than us, and see what we can do to support them. In the Catholic Church, this is known as the Option for the Poor.

We will be supporting the Bedford Foodbank during this time, and will be asking for donations of canned and dried foods, which we will send to the charity towards the end of the half term. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Faith Life

Over the last two weeks, we have been talking to your children about joining a special group within our school community. The group is known as The Junior Mission Team (JMT). The JMT work with members of staff to promote the faith life of our school. They will be supporting other children in acts of prayer and worship, as well as leading these events across the school year. We asked for children to put their name forward if they felt they could support the Mission of our school. A huge 66 children said they wanted to be part of the JMT, which is wonderful. Ask your child if they have joined— our first meeting was lunch time today!

## Curriculum

Please refer to our school website for information about the curriculum your child is currently undertaking.

All the necessary links and resources can be found in the 'Our Learning' section of the website.

[https://  
www.stjosephsandstgregorys.com/  
page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=30](https://www.stjosephsandstgregorys.com/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=30)

If you have any specific questions about the learning in your child's class, please speak to their class teacher.

## Pedagogy

In our classrooms, teachers spend their time **questioning** the children in their care. **Questioning** enables teachers to determine how well pupils learn. It is important when teaching to minimise adult instruction but instead **question** children on what they have learned and understood.

## Secondary School

If your child is in Year 5 or particularly Year 6 you need to start thinking about which Secondary School they will attend when they start Year 7.

On **Tuesday 24th September 2024** staff from our sister school St Thomas More will be visiting us. They would like to meet with as many parents as possible, so have organised a **Come and Meet Session for parents to attend from 8:30—9:30 am**. Please do come and along and discuss St Thomas More as an option for your child moving to Secondary School.

## At Home...

Please make sure your child reads daily at home, and accesses the online platforms we offer all our pupils. If you do not have the correct logins details, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Important Dates

September 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 21st Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist