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Dear children, parents and carers,

Thank you for all your positive contributions to our school this year.

Well done Reception class on doing so well in your first year. You hatched butterflies, enjoyed a Chinese banquet in class, watched the lion and dragon dances for the first time and had fun at Acorn Farm. 70% of you reached the expected standard or exceeded it in all prime areas of development including Literacy and Mathematics. Well done Reception Class.

Congratulations Year 1. You enjoyed making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and your trip to Farmer Ted's where you milked a cow and had a tractor ride. You also had fun making, eating and evaluating your own fruit salad. You did very well in your phonics test too. Your results this year are among the best in England, with 90% of you meeting or exceeding the expected mark.

**Pizza Express pizzas that you made and ate, visiting the Cathedral of Christ the King and presenting Archbishop McMahon with a BOB Box, watching owls fly in the school hall, making kites and learning how to play the glockenspiel were highlights for our Year 2 children. They also achieved fantastic results at the expected standard and above in the following subjects:
Reading 90%, Writing 87%, Maths 87%, Science 90%. Congratulations Year 2.**

Our Year 3 children enjoyed being in the juniors, working with robots, learning French, swimming in the deep end, designing and making windmills and playing football on the big playground for the first time.

Mrs McCarten's news about her new baby, your new teacher Miss Webster starting, making your First Holy Communion and winning the Knowsley gymnastics competition were some of the highlights for our Year 4 children. When you return as our Year 5 class, you will be taught by Miss McCrystal.

I know that you enjoyed sport in 2017-2018, Year 5 with you playing cricket, football and cross country for the school. Some of you took part in Macbeth or became Worship Warriors. You also enjoyed visiting the locality for geography.

Colomendy, visiting Halton Castle and Hugh Baird College, making cushions and performing in Macbeth have made me very proud of you, Year 6. You have achieved much during your time at St Joseph's. You have also achieved exceptionally well this year with the following results at or above the expected standard:

Reading 92%, Writing 88%, Maths 85%, Spelling Punctuation and Grammar 88%. These results are well above the percentages in Knowsley and England in all areas. Thank you and well done.

I am proud of the achievements of all of our children this school year. We competed well at football (coming second in the league again), cricket, gymnastics (Knowsley champions again) and cross country. All staff and children enjoyed Beauty and the Beast at the Leisure and Culture Park; every child in the school made a pancake for Shrove Tuesday; and we all enjoyed a lolly ice on St Joseph's day.

The inspectors from Liverpool Archdiocese were very impressed with our school judging us to be **OUTSTANDING** in all areas. They were keen to point out the following: *"Pupils approach lessons with great interest and enthusiasm. They particularly appreciate the opportunities teachers provide for them to be creative. Behaviour in lessons is outstanding because pupils enjoy Religious Education and they are rarely off task even in extended periods from an early age, without direction from an adult. Pupils' attainment is outstanding."*
Congratulations everyone.

I know that you are as grateful as I am to your teachers, teaching assistants and all the staff at our school. We are also grateful for the support that parents and families show to St Joseph's. They are your teachers too.

Enjoy the summer holiday. When you return, every child will receive a raffle ticket every day from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th September. There will be a draw on 7th September with a variety of prizes to be won!

There will also be a surprise waiting on the school field as a reward for all junior children with excellent behaviour and attendance each week.

We look forward to seeing you back in school before 8:50am on Wednesday 5th September.

Finally a message from Sir Winston Churchill:

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal.
It is the courage to continue that counts"**

Yours Sincerely,

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