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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 Stadt Moers Park. 76% 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 searching for the Bog Baby around school. 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.

**Making and eating pizzas, reading Traction Man and Wild, watching owls fly in the school hall 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 83%, Writing 80%, Maths 80%. Congratulations Year 2.**

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

Your new teacher Miss Jude starting, making your First Holy Communion and coming second in the Knowsley gymnastics competition were some of the highlights for our Year 4 children this year.

I know that you enjoyed sport in 2018-2019, Year 5 with you taking part in rounders, football, netball, boccia and cross country competitions for the school. Some of you took part in A Midsummer Night's Dream. You also enjoyed visiting the Sudley House to study fashion.

**Colomendy, playing Quidditch for the first time, making slippers and performing in A Midsummer Night's Dream have made me very proud of you, Year 6. You have achieved so much during your time at St Joseph's. You have also attained exceptionally well this year with the following results at or above the expected national standard:
Reading 86%, Writing 92%, Maths 92%, Spelling Punctuation and Grammar 93% .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 first in the league (the first time in over 15 years), rounders (coming second in the competition overall), gymnastics (second place) and cross country. All staff and children enjoyed Jack and the Beanstalk at the Leisure and Culture Park; every child in the school made a pancake for Shrove Tuesday; we all enjoyed a lolly ice on St Joseph's day; and the inflatable obstacle course was a great thrill for everyone, especially the staff!

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, the school field should be ready to play on; the roof above 4 of our classrooms will have been repaired (no more leaks!); all classrooms will have a new door and Year 1, 2 and 3 classrooms will have been completely redecorated.

We look forward to seeing you back in school before 8:50am on Wednesday 4th September.

Finally I would like to take the words spoken by Venus Williams to Coco Gauff, after 15 year old Coco beat the 5 times Wimbledon Champion. These words are for all our children, parents, carers and staff:

"...congratulations and keep going."

Yours Sincerely,

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