



# St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

## Collective Worship

The theme this week has been "Friends". The children have been reflecting on what makes good friend and how they can be a friend to others.

## Come and See

Our school theme for RE for the next few weeks is "Christian Living" and each class has its own topic within that which you can ask your child about.

## "Discover" Term

This term all of our topics have a history focus and we also look at aspects of local history. Each Class will choose which aspect best links into their required topics. Please see the curriculum and class pages on the website for further details.

## Hockey Equipment

If you would like to send your child into school with shin pads and/or a gum shield for their hockey sessions please do so. They are not compulsory as the children do follow strict safety rules whilst playing but you may want to send them in.

## Parent and Pupil Surveys 2014-15

You may remember completing a "good school scorecard" last term. We have analysed the responses and can tell you firstly that the level of response was very high at 84% for parents and 53% for pupils.

The average total score for parents was 120 out of 125 which is 96%; for pupils it was 70 out of 75 or 93%. This is an overwhelmingly positive picture and we would like to thank you for taking part in the survey. Rest assured we are aware that we can never stand still and will continue to work hard to keep improving all aspects of the school for the benefit of our pupils.

## European Day of Languages

We will celebrate this on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> in language lessons and Madame/Senora Moore is running a poster competition which pupils can enter. There will be prizes! Details are on the flyers around school.

## Feast of St. Jerome

We will celebrate this special day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September with a mass in church which will begin at 9.30am. You are all very welcome and are also invited to our BIG coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support which will be held in the school hall after mass. Class 3 will host the coffee morning and help in the mass. Our Reception class will not be attending this first mass of the year.

## Website Calendar

Please check the website for key dates which will be added as we move through the year.

## Holy Family High School

Class 6 will spend a day at Holy Family High School on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> where they will take part in a range of activities. Lunch and transport are provided for the class by Holy Family.

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### Beach School

This half-term the whole school will have a beach school session with a focus on an aspect of our local history. We will be spending our sessions down near Lifeboat Road beach. The dates for the sessions will be posted on the website calendar. One change is that the children no longer need to bring a packed lunch on the beach school day. Class 3 will have the first session on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### Office

If you are sending any money into school please make sure it is in a marked envelope as otherwise we do not know what it relates to and who has paid it - thank you!

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,

Regards,

Mrs. Monaghan



In this small space we learn to value one another. to think. to learn. to wonder and create.