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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

We come to the end of an unbelievably busy half term. Despite the return to 'normality', we all still feel the threat of COVID, especially with the news of increasing cases. We plan to continue with our current arrangements, based on our up to date risk assessments and procedures. You can be reassured that we will always put the safety of pupils, staff and parents first, and any decisions will be based on this, with any changes communicated with you immediately.

### **Gold Book Assembly**

It was wonderful to welcome parents of our younger children to our Gold Book Assembly this morning. There were lots of proud faces as we celebrated the many achievements of our pupils, both in and out of school. The names of the children who have been placed in the Gold Book will be shared on social media and our website. Well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance this half term too - they all received a prize for their achievement.



### **Book Trail**

To reignite the love of books and reading this half-term we would like to invite you and the rest of our school community to join us in our 'St Joseph's Book Trail'. Details of this will be shared today - we will keep you informed of the 'book hunting' during half term!

### **Friends of...Volunteers**

Thank you to the people who have volunteered to support our wonderful 'Friends of ...' group. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mrs Lloyd.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to those who replied to our parent survey. The comments and ideas shared will be used in our reading plan for the future. Please remember that our morning 'Reading Club' takes place every morning from 8.30am in the school library. We will also be reintroducing our 'Superstar Readers' lunchtime club after half term, an opportunity for all pupils to continue their love of reading with others.

### **New members of staff**

We would like to welcome Miss Stacey Bell to our school catering team. Miss Bell will start work in our kitchen after half term. We would also like to welcome Mr Ellis Liddle, who will be working alongside Mrs Lloyd in the office from November.

### **Football teams**

Well done to our two football teams who have performed so well over the last few weeks. The girls Y5 team participated fully in their tournament, representing the school with enthusiasm. The school team took part in the first round of the Bishop's Cup, qualifying for the second round. Well done everyone, and thanks to Mr Charlton (I'm not sure if he knows there's a manager job available down the road!)



### **INSET Day**

A reminder that tomorrow is a school INSET day. Pupils return to school following the half term on Monday, 1st November.

### **And finally...**

Thank you for all of your support this term. The positive messages sent in always make a big difference. Have a lovely break, and see you all in November!

Take care!

Mr P Craig