

# Year 5 Newsletter

## What is true friendship?

Dear Parents,

I am extremely excited to be working with you and your children on all the exciting Learning Challenges that we have planned for the coming year here at St. Joseph's. The class have settled well and we have spent our 1<sup>st</sup> week together getting to know the expectations and routines.

As you know Year 5 is an important year and we want to do all we can to help your children develop as independent learners. From the outset, we need to encourage the children to take responsibility for their learning, their behaviour and attitude, their personal belongings and handing in completed homework on time.

### Days to Remember

Educational visit	TBC
P.E.	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Class Assembly	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am

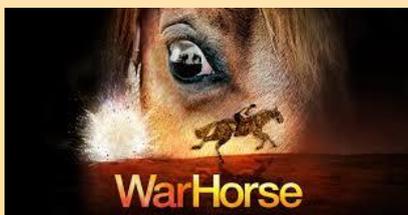
### Learning Challenge:

For our Learning Challenge we will be focusing on 'War Horse' By Michael Morpurgo. Through the book we will learn about how horses were used during the time of WW1 and how this story shows us the true value of friendship.

We will investigate questions like 'What caused WW1?' and 'What was it like to be a soldier in the trenches?'

We will study maps of Europe to locate countries, cities and see how a map of Europe has changed since WW1. Also in Science, we will study Forces and look carefully at the WW1 tank.

For more information please visit the school website.



*Learning to love, loving to learn*

## Autumn 1 2018

Class Teacher: Miss Oliveira  
Mrs Villar and Ms Kane

### Values Education



**September: Understanding**

**October: Patience**

Please discuss these values with your child, identifying acts that represent them.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday.

Week 1 homework – RE based

Weeks 2-8 - Maths and English.

Learning Challenge half termly project due back on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

### Reading

Please read with your child for at least 20 mins every night. Spend time talking about the story together.

Book bags must be brought daily with reading books.

### Learning Challenge Event

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Come and look at your child's learning so far!

### How you can help at home

- ✿ Discuss with your child the things they have learned each day.
- ✿ Get them into a routine for doing homework. Provide them with a quiet area and regular time to complete homework. Check and sign their homework (Good preparation for Secondary School).
- ✿ Read with your child.
- ✿ Practise times tables.
- ✿ Practise weekly spellings.
- ✿ Ask your child if they know the meaning of each word on the spelling list and if can they use it in a sentence.