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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of another remarkable academic year at St. Joseph's, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community. It has been a year filled with progress, celebration and continued excellence in all areas of school life. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our community; staff, parents, carers and of course our wonderful pupils for the part you have played in making this year such a success.

This year we have made new appointments to our leadership team from September. Mrs Mullet has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher and Mr Forbes has been appointed Assistant Headteacher. We also welcome our new Phase Leaders who bring with them not only great capability but an inspiring ambition for Catholic education. We are excited to see the impact they will have, as we continue to grow and develop as a school.

Our pupils have had a truly exceptional year. Their academic performance has been impressive. Our Year 1 Phonics result was 95%. Our Key Stage 2 SATs results exceeded our expectations and are sure to place us in the top 10% of schools in the country. Over 90+% of our pupils met or exceeded the expected standard in Reading, Writing, GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling) and Maths. Even more impressively this year, 60+% achieved the Greater Depth standard.

Their achievements outside the classroom have been equally commendable. In sport, we celebrated victories in athletics, cricket and gymnastics and saw both our boys' and girls' football teams reach the finals of the Islington League, securing high placements. Our children also proudly took part in a dance tutorial filming day at Islington's Art and Media College, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm.

In the area of computing, St. Joseph's continues to be a leader. We were honoured to host a Parliamentary Select Committee, who visited the school to observe our digital literacy curriculum in action and to hear from our staff and parents. In addition, the BBC has approached the school to collaborate on a video project highlighting the importance of digital literacy in the early years, a testament to the innovative work happening at school.

Beyond academics and enrichment our Year 3, 4 and 6 residential trips were hugely successful, giving children opportunities to grow, develop independence and build lifelong memories.

I would also like to thank all of you for your incredible generosity through initiatives such as the Giving Tree which supported a cancer charity and the Christmas Wish List which provided valuable resources for our school. Your support truly strengthens our community and helps make St. Joseph's the special place it is. Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce that a new environmental classroom will be installed over the summer holidays. This exciting addition will offer our children a dynamic outdoor learning space where they can deepen their understanding of nature and the world around them, further enriching their curriculum experience.

As the summer break approaches, we ask God to watch over all our families, keeping you safe and joyful. We wish you a restful and happy holiday, and we look forward to welcoming all children and staff back in September for another year of learning, growth, and shared success.

With warmest regards and every blessing,

Dr. K. P.E. Lasok (Chair of Governors)