



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

26TH JUNE 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium and West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.

SUNDAY 28TH GOSPEL, MATTHEW 10: 37-42

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the
one who sent me.

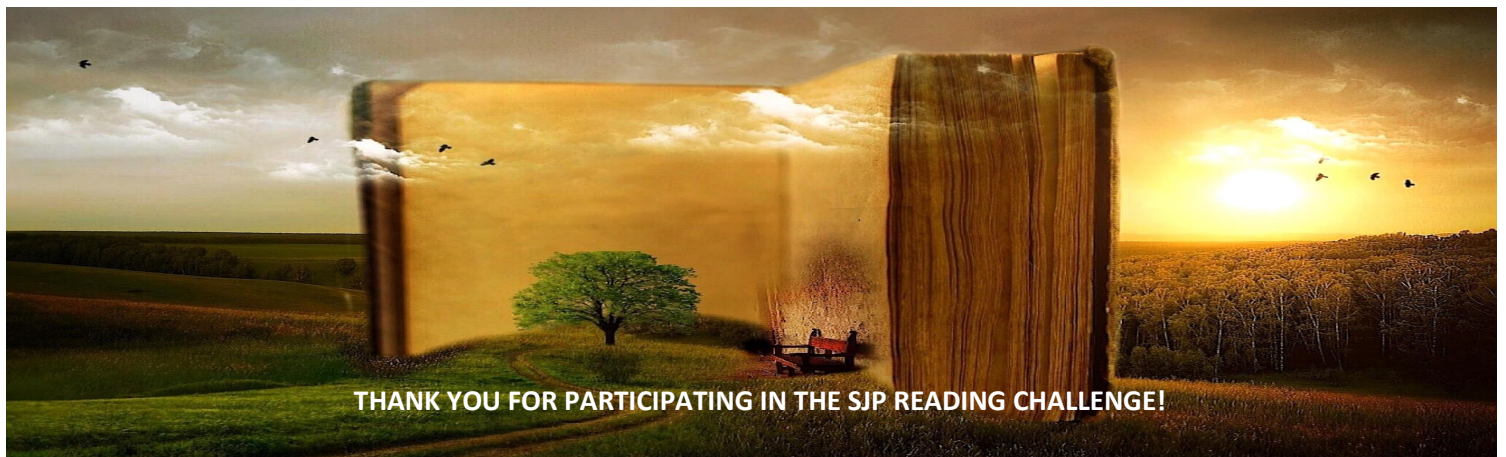
As we continue our face to face provision for Year 10 students, we have also enjoyed welcoming Year 12 students back to school this week. These early opportunities to return to school are an important stage in the process of the eventual full reopening of the school. We continue to plan for this eventuality in September.

In addition to foregoing our Year 6 induction day and taster days for Year 5 students, we have missed many celebratory events as we near the end of the academic year: leavers' balls, enrichment days, sports day, our music, drama & dance showcase, our art display and prizegiving. In absence of the opportunity to celebrate together, we celebrate in spirit, and our prayers give thanks for our students' many contributions to our community.

Monday marks the Feast of St Peter & St Paul. We can be inspired by the example of these two flawed men in whom our faith flourished and spread across the world. Before his conversion on the road to Damascus as Saul, St Paul persecuted our forefathers; whilst St Peter, the rock upon whom Christ founded his Church, was a weak, impulsive, rash and violent man.

Rather than watch and pray with Christ in the garden of Gethsemane on the eve of his Passion, Peter slept; when Jesus was arrested, he drew his sword and sliced off Malchus' ear; challenged over his association, Peter denied Christ three times, lacking the courage and conviction to declare himself Christ's friend. We too are often like Peter. And yet, it is Peter who is chosen by Christ, as we all are.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SJP READING CHALLENGE!

The Full Governing Body has voted in favour of the motion that St. John Payne Catholic School will engage in discussion with the Diocese of Brentwood and members of the proposed Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) to influence the final structure and determine whether in the view of the Full Governing Body it is in the best interests of the school to join the MAT. Governors continue to assure parents and carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without consultation with all parties.



...to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

