

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term - Volume 5

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9



In order to congratulate pupil of the week winners, children have enjoyed a special afternoon tea treat. Here are the reasons for being chosen:

Excellent behaviour, for settling into reception quickly.

Excellent phonics work.

For overcoming maths challenges.

For writing an excellent descriptive play script.

Outstanding progress in maths.

Developing confidence.

For being a role model and for demonstrating impeccable manners.

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Reception	95.2	100
Year 1	99.1	99.5
Year 2	98.3	100
Year 3	98.4	99.6
Year 4	97.4	99.5
Year 5	96.7	97.9
Year 6	98.5	100

Harvest Assembly

We were delighted to see so many parents join us for the harvest Assembly. As usual the school community showed their generosity by donating food which will be sent to a local food bank via the Parish. Many thanks to everyone for their contributions and to the Year 6 parents who kindly transported the donations to the church.



A big thank you to the Year 6 pupils who led the liturgy during yesterday's Mass. It was good to see pupils supported by their families. They did a great job - well done!

School Improvement Updates

Many thanks for working with us to improve our start and end of day procedures. We are aware that many questions have been raised about the changes but I would like reassure parents that the changes have been put in place to guarantee the safety of all pupils. We want parents to be confident that their children are working within a safe environment and that staff carefully monitor the movement of adults on and off site.

Reminders

At the end of the day parents must wait in the playground for their children to be dismissed. Staff will ensure that pupils attending extra-curricular clubs will be taken to the location of the club at the end of the school day. To ensure a smooth and efficient handover at the end of the clubs, pupils will be dismissed at the gates by the main office. The only exception is the football club, where parents will collect their children from the playground.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES, wc 02/10/17

Attendance winners are Year 1 with 99.1% - a good achievement. Congratulations! They will receive the spike trophy and each member of the class will be award a house point. Reception, Year 2 & Year 6 are the punctuality winners and pupils from these classes will also receive a house point. Well done!

PTFA Advance Notice

Family Fireworks Night – Thursday 2nd November (6-8pm)

Get your tickets now! Family Fireworks night will be 2 November at the school! Gates will open at 6pm with fireworks at 7. It's going to be a great evening for the whole family. There will be food, hot drinks, glow sticks and more.

Early bird tickets are available now on the PTFA website at www.stjosephsptfa.org.uk

Brighten Up

On Friday 6th October, our school held a Harvest Assembly and as part of this annual celebration, St. Joseph's pupils came dressed up in bright clothes to raise money for CAFOD's 'Brighten Up' campaign. It was a beautiful, bright autumnal day which was the perfect backdrop for this special day. There was a wonderful assortment of clothing from colourful hairbands to bright shoes - not forgetting the bright coloured hair! Collectively, the children showed their support by raising a grand total of £300.13. Well done everyone and thank you Tomas for assisting Mrs Nolan!



KEY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 10/10/17	-	Bag 2 School (bags will be sent home)
Wednesday 11/10/17	Morning	School Calendar Photo Shoot & Year 2 Scooter training (15 children)
Monday 16/10/17	4:30 pm	Deanery Mass for Staff @ St. Joseph's Parish Church
Tuesday 17/10/17	All day	Year Two trip to the Museum of London & Monument
Thursday 19/10/17	9am	Bag 2 School (bags to be returned to school)

HALF TERM (23rd - 27th October 2017)

Monday 30/11/17	8:30 am	School re-opens
Thursday 2nd November	6pm - 8pm	PTFA Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th November	3:15 – 6:30	Parent Consultation Evenings (Please note the change of date)