

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*For God does not show favouritism.*

Romans 2:11

Pupil of the Week Awards

## School Improvement Updates

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Following up from last week's message about mid morning snacks, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify expectations around snacks before afterschool clubs. As we are keen to promote healthy eating within school, pupils will be allowed to eat one snack just before they start their extra curricular session. However, these snacks must be restricted to a piece of fruit, a fruit bar or cereal bar.

I am so pleased that behaviour is a strength within the school and this is widely recognised by those visiting. We have high expectations for the pupils and encourage them to demonstrate positive behaviour at all times, including during less formal sessions such as afterschool clubs. Club leaders are expected to create an enjoyable experience whilst developing the children's skills. Pupils are expected to work with their club leaders, showing respect by listening and following instructions and generally showing positive behaviour. For those children failing to meet these expectations a warning will be given and parents will be notified. If the poor behaviour continues (after the warning is given), the child will no longer be allowed to attend the club for the remainder of the term. Please work with us to ensure behaviour consistently remains a strength at St. Joseph's.

Thank you.



## Attendance & Punctuality

This week's attendance winners are Year 2 & Year 4 with 100% attendance. Last week's winners were Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 who all achieved 100%! Great team work! To all those parents and carers whose children arrive at school early or on time, we say thank you. We want 100% of our children arriving in time for school so that pupils can make the most of the early morning learning opportunities. Punctuality spot checks will continue where Mrs Burns will make a record of a child's reason for lateness. If, over time, there is no improvement a letter will be sent home (a copy will be placed on children's file). Should a child's punctuality record decline further, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with Miss Strachan to discuss their child's lateness.



Congratulations to all the pupils who were chosen pupils of the week. Here are some of the reasons why they were chosen this week:

*'Excellent work in maths.'*

*'For being helpful.'*

*'Excellent role model.'*

*'Demonstrating higher thinking skills.'*

*'Excellent attitude towards learning.'*

*'Amazing basketball skills.'*

*'Being able to define challenging historical vocabulary.'*

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES, wc 18/09/17

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Reception	96.2%	98.9%
Year 1	92%	100%
Year 2	100%	100%
Year 3	99.3%	98.9%
Year 4	100%	98.9%
Year 5	97.9%	100%
Year 6	96.8%	100%

# An Enriched Curriculum

Year 6 @ Aylesford Priory

On Monday morning, at 9:30am on the dot, Year 6 boarded the coach to Aylesford Priory. As the sun started to come out, and before we all knew it, we were there. At first, we went on to the games field for a snack and a little run around for 15 minutes. We all enjoyed exploring underneath the willow branches. Then we headed off to the Peace Garden where we reflected on how grateful we are with the things that we have. Our next stop was 'The Stations of the Cross' in the rose garden. As we were there, we discussed what each station was about. After this, we went to join the other year 6s for lunch. Once we had eaten lunch, we attended mass which was led by Bishop Pat. People from other schools read out readings and Matthew did ours. Then we got back on the coach to go back to school. Before we knew it, we were back at school and going home. Here are some quotes about the trip from our class.

*"I liked the chapel for St Joseph's; especially the paintings."* Orlando

*"It was lovely to see my Parish Priest there - Father David!"* Zoe

*"I liked the way that peace was written in lots of different languages in the peace garden"*  
Liam

*"The mass was a beautiful experience."* Kitty

*"It was nice to meet all the other year 6s. They were really friendly."* Jack **Written by Zoe**



As part of our RE topic on families, the pupils of Year 4 have been researching into their ancestors and creating family trees. Children made beautiful ancestral trees at home completed with photographs of their family members. Congratulations to these pupils for producing such an impressive piece of homework.

*There are currently vacancies for Cello and violin lessons. Please speak to the school office for further information.*

## Dates for this week

Friday 29/09/17 - Macmillan Coffee Morning - from 8:40 am onwards. This event will be held in the school hall and all are welcome to attend.

Friday 29/09/17 - Liturgy & Celebration Assembly (led by Year 3)

Thursday 28/09/17 - Year 2 Visit to Bromley Fire Station (morning only)

Thursday 28/09/17 - Meet the Teacher session - Please note the revised times. This has been reorganised to avoid clashes with Y6 Open Evenings:

Y1 - 3:15

Y2 & Y6 - 3:45

Y3 - 4:15

Y4 - 4:45

Y5 - 5:15

***There will be a supervised room with a video for childcare.***

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Friday 06/10/17 Harvest Assembly

Sunday 08/10/17 - Sunday Mass led by Year 6