



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

26th January 2018

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Reece Patrick	Isla McKinley
Eliana Quainoo	Rebecca Knott
Keiran Robinson	Lilly McLaughlin
George Gould	William Stackhouse
Elliott Leaman	Laurel Mann
Adar Boke	Sean Palmer

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements out of school during Prayer and Praise.

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris** for gaining his **Stage 4** Learn to Swim.

Congratulations to **Harry Robinson** for completing **Award 1 & 2** Duckling Award.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

11th-18th Jan	OAK	99%
19th-25th Jan	BIRCH	96.4%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Catholic Children's Society 'Coins for Children'

We raised a fantastic £155.15, with another bag full of foreign coins and notes which still need to be included. The money raised by this appeal will be used to support parents through the parenting programme and also to provide items of clothing and shoes. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Dates

31st January	Patchwork Parenting
1st February	ASH swimming (last sessions 8th Feb)
2nd February	ASH class assembly
W/c 5th February	Parent Consultation Evenings
7th February	Patchwork Parenting
9th February	Break for Half Term
19th February	Return to School

Bikeability

Congratulations to the following children who have gained their level 2 Bikeability:-



Autumn Avery	Isaac Beswetherick-Sau
Mason Clausen	Sophia Phillips
Ruby Slatter	Preslee Seymour
Maria Warren	Nathaniel Wood

The Tutor passed on his thanks to the children and the school as it is always a pleasure to come to St Joseph's.

Happy cycling everyone!

Parent Consultations

These evenings will be held in the week beginning Monday 5th February.

Parents book their appointments by logging into eSchools.

For more information please refer to the school newsletter of the week beginning Friday 12th January or speak to the office.

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Safer Internet Day is organised each year to promote safer and responsible use of online technology, especially amongst children. Why not take time to think about these important questions concerning your child's safety online?

- How often does your child use the internet?
- Do you know what sites they are using?
- Do you monitor their usage?
- Do you have parental controls in place?
- Do your children know how to be safe online?

This year the theme is:

Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has tips to help parents get started with supporting their children to stay safe and positive online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>



PARKING

We respectfully remind all our parents to ensure that during the busy drop-off and pick-up times each day, you are parking with consideration for the safety of our children, other road-users and pedestrians. Many thanks.

Parent Questionnaires

Undertaking an evaluation of our performance, acknowledging our successes and also recognising that there are things that we need to improve, is an important part of planning school improvement.

Parental input is essential if the process is going to be truly meaningful and the evidence we collect helps to determine the priorities for the year ahead and the longer term. The information we receive from the questionnaires will be fed back to you via the school newsletter. The information will be discussed at Staff Meetings and Governors' Committee Meetings and will inform the next School Improvement Plan.

This year, there will be an opportunity to complete the questionnaire at the Parents' Evenings on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February to help reduce another piece of paper being sent home. There will be two questionnaires which will relate to the general day to day of school life and the school as a Catholic community. We would be very grateful for your feedback.

We do take your views seriously and would encourage you to complete the questionnaires and so take an active part in the school's future progress.



PE Kit

There is an increasing number of children who do not have a PE kit in school. Primary Sports coach all classes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday but we recommend that PE kits are kept at school all week to allow for changes at short notice. The school's PE kit consists of:-

- Navy blue shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black plimsolls or suitable trainers
- Tracksuits or warm sports clothing may be worn in winter.

Every article of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name. Parents are reminded that all jewellery, with the exception of watches and small stud earrings, are not allowed to be worn in school.

If your child does not have the correct PE kit they will still take part in the lesson but may be hindered by inappropriate clothing and footwear. Please ensure that your child is able to join in all lessons and activities by providing them with appropriate

We raised £62.74 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

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Class Quizzing Averages	
Elm	90.3%
Maple	78.9%
Ash	74.1%
Birch	69.2%

Top Quizzing Results	
Kayla Quainoo	98.8%
Sean Palmer	98.8%
Sophia Phillips	97.8%
Annie McKinley	97.5%
Phoebe Seaman	96.4%

Accelerated Reader Workshop

Many thanks to the parents, grandparents and sister who came along to find out more about Accelerated Reader. We thoroughly enjoyed talking about the program with you. We welcomed your suggestions for improving the amount of information given to you about your child's STAR Reading tests and quizzing so that you can support your child at home. We will ensure that information is passed on at Parent Consultation meetings and regularly throughout the year. Class teachers will always be happy to give you any information you need or answer your questions. Please just ask.

Half Term Sports & Activity Camps

Open Mon—Fri 8.00-18.00

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Online booking at www.high5sportscamps.co.uk

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The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 9th February 2018.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club.

Monday Maths Games Y3,4 (4.30pm)

Mrs Sharman

Tuesday KS1 Multi Skills (4.15pm)

Mr Gillard

Wednesday Fizz Pop Science (4.30pm)

Thursday Homework Y4,5,6 (4.30 pm)

Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson

KS2 Netball (4.30pm)

Mr Gillard

Civic Award Club Y6 (1.00-1.30)

Mrs Soby

Friday KS2 Football (4.30pm)

Mr Gillard

Prayer and Praise

Parents and parish friends are very welcome to join us for our short act of worship and celebration of achievements every Friday at 9.15am.

We look forward to seeing you.

 * Angel of God, my guardian dear, *
 * to whom His love entrusts me *
 * here, *
 * ever this day be at my side *
 * to light and guard, to rule and *
 * guide. *

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Claire Hawkings

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg