



St Joseph's Weekly News



Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents,

October has arrived and those autumnal chills can certainly be felt on the way to school...perhaps I should start wearing a coat!

This week has been a relatively quiet one compared to last week in terms of 'events', but of course it has been a very different matter in class as everyone has been as busy as ever.

With only two weeks of this half term remaining, our thoughts are turning towards Parent Consultations which are taking place on Thursday 19th October. All of the teachers are looking forward to meeting you all to share your child(ren)'s successes thus far and discuss various areas for development. You will receive a ParentMail message next week which will enable you to make an appointment for these consultations.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support for our MacMillan fundraiser this week (see below) – your generosity is truly appreciated.

This Week's Thought of the Week – Love In Action

Option For The Poor

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who mourn now, for you will laugh.

Luke 6: 20 - 22



MacMillan Fundraiser

On Wednesday we held another cake sale for our MacMillan fundraiser since we had so many cakes left over from last week...there was no chance of them passing their sell-by date! Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. The final total for our MacMillan fundraiser will be published next week.



Harvest Food Bank

Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest collection. All of the food that you have kindly donated will go to the Broxbourne Food bank. On behalf of those people who will benefit...many thanks.

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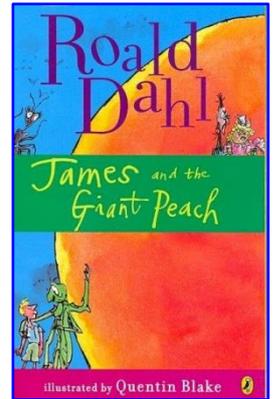
Recommended Read

This half term, Year 2 are enjoying reading 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl.

Jerron and Cardmel told me all about the story so far.

James lived in a house with his mum and dad and then one day he went to the city and then his mum and dad got eaten! So James had to go and live with his mean aunts called Aunt Spike and Aunt Sponge. James got punished for no reason. Then James was sent down very early to make his aunts breakfast and the aunts told him to get a peach and when he picked it up it fell into the waterfall and disappeared. Then James went inside and gazed longingly at a giant peach from his aunt's tree and he saw a vast door and when he went into the peach he saw lots of insects. The insects were hungry and they wanted to eat James...and that is where we are up to!

I wonder what will happen next?!



Visits To Church

In the weeks leading up to half term, all of the classes are taking time out of their busy schedules to visit the church of The Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's to find out more about the various parts of the church and its day-to-day running. Fr. John has provided a very warm welcome to all of the classes that have visited so far and the boys and girls have learnt a great deal about the different parts of the church and their uses.

Buddy Assembly 1

This morning we enjoyed the first of two Buddy Assemblies (the second taking place next Friday) in which we 'formally' welcome our Reception children to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Our Buddy system has been in operation for many years now and is one of those 'institutions' that we should never take for granted. The friendships developed between the Year 6 children and their Reception buddies are a testament to the value of this initiative and it is wonderful to see how both sets of children benefit from being a buddy. Many thanks to Mrs Ramsay and Miss Scales for preparing the children and the assembly, and to Miss Gunn for the lovely new songs that were created especially for this celebration.

Love In Action – Option For The Poor

This week's 'Love In Action' focus is 'Option for the Poor'.

As Pope Francis states:

'We're called to find Christ in the poor, to lend our voice, to be their friends, to listen'.

When we think about our local community, who are the people living in poverty?

In our global community, where are the people living in poverty?

How do we treat them?

Further questions for us to consider are:

How do we truly listen to people living in poverty?

How do we learn from them?

What can we do to support people living in poverty?



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No Pens Day



On Wednesday we once again enjoyed taking part in 'No Pens Day' at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. On this day, schools and settings are encouraged to put down their pens and to run a day of speaking and listening activities...which is exactly what we did! The children enjoyed a wide variety of engaging activities and certainly enjoyed the opportunity to discuss their ideas/work in much greater depth than usual.

Year 4's Class Mass

On Thursday, Year 4 celebrated their Class Mass on the theme of 'People' which is their last RE topic. The boys and girls had worked really hard to prepare a beautiful service and did themselves proud. Many thanks to those parents who were able to join us, and of course to Fr. John for leading the service.



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Henry & Trishna	Iva & Stefano	Shanice & Eseosa	Maja & Niamh
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lottie & Viktor	Jas & Michael	Ella & Luca G	Niamh & Katie



Writers of the Week

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Ilenia	Sean	Victor
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wiktor	Ify	Abisah

House Points

This week's winning house is:



Mark



Matthew	1,025
Mark	1,136
Luke	1,042
John	881

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Attendance Award

The class with the best attendance this week is:



Year 5

100%



Important Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 9 th October	2.45pm	African Drumming Performance
Thursday 12 th October	All day	Black History Celebration Dress Up Day
Friday 13 th October	9.15am	2 nd Buddy Assembly
Tuesday 17 th October	7pm	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 18 th October	All Day	Maths Dress Up Day
Thursday 19 th October	School closes at 1pm	Parent Consultation
Friday 20 th October	School closed	INSET DAY

Remember these dates are available on the school website along with the holiday dates for the next academic year.

Reminders

- Golden Mile parent participation EVERY Friday until further notice. Meet by 8.50am on the playground.
- Parent walkers to Church visits - if you would like to walk with our children to church for various visits please email the school office on (admin@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk)
- Parents are invited to attend our School Celebration Assembly on Friday 3rd November at 3pm and then the last Friday of each month.
- **If you are attending a class mass, prayer service or assembly it is essential you arrive prior to the start time, as late arrivals may not be admitted as this causes a great deal of disruption.**

Weekend To Do's

Magic Ten Mathematics	Family Activity	Mr Gorton's Joke of the Week
This week, go to the following website and take a look at what's available...there are some great games/ideas! http://www.primarygames.com/math.php	Share this week's 'Love In Action' card on 'Option for the Poor' and think of a way in which you can help.	When I left home, my mum said to me: 'Don't forget to write.' I thought: 'That's unlikely – it's a basic skill, isn't it?!'

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

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