

Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy few weeks around our half term. Before half term we thoroughly enjoyed our visits to our school library and the book bus. It really helped us share our reading interests and our reading ambassadors chose some lovely new books for our school.

We have also been remembering those who made sacrifices during the wars through our

WW1 memorial garden opening before half term, and our remembrance day mass in church this week.

In class we are working hard on our number bonds and counting in 2s and 10s in maths. In English we are enjoying our exciting new texts, practising our reading and writing skills with pirates, building sites and much more!

From Mr Clare

I have really enjoyed my time spent with the staff, children and families of St. Joseph's Primary and it has not been an easy decision to leave this uniquely caring community. I have recently been offered a post in New Zealand which allows me to move closer to family. Therefore, even though it will be difficult to say goodbye to the children (especially my current class) it is an opportunity I cannot refuse. Thank you so much for all your support

Mr Clare

Year 6 have the shivers!

This week Year 6 have begun their new geography topic on Antarctica. We will find out where Antarctica is, what Antarctica is made of and what time it is in the South Pole. We will study terms such as longitude and latitude, the seasons in Antarctica and find out just how cold it actually gets.

To compliment this, we will be focussing on a new text, – 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. Shackleton's Journey is a unique visual retelling of Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other. William Grill's impeccably researched and informative illustrations celebrate the 100th anniversary since the historic exploration by Shackleton and his crew on Endurance .



So who was this man?

100 years ago in November 1915 the polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship the Endurance was crushed and sunk in the sea ice of the Weddell Sea.

Shackleton had the aim of completing the first trans-Antarctic crossing of the Antarctic continent. Now his crew, who had no contact with the outside world, were now stranded on the ice with no prospect of rescue. What followed is one of the most enduring stories of human endurance and fortitude. Using three small boats the crew reached the relative safety of Elephant Island, an inhospitable rocky outcrop.

Then Shackleton sailed in the James Caird 800 miles through the treacherous Southern Ocean and crossed South Georgia's uncharted glaciers before help could be provided and his crew safely rescued.



Wallasey Faith Partnership

This year we have entered an exciting partnership with 4 other local Catholic schools (Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, St Alban's and SS Peter and Paul).

This partnership will provide opportunities for competitive sport between all 5 schools in a variety of sports. Check future newsletters for more results.

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Group A

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Sacred Heart C	2	2	0	0	6
St Joseph's A	2	1	0	1	3
Sacred Heart A	2	0	0	2	0

Group B

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Sacred Heart B	2	2	0	0	6
St Albans	2	1	0	1	3
St Josephs B	2	0	0	2	0

Semi Finals

St Joseph's A	0	v	Sacred Heart B 1
St Albans	2	v	Sacred Heart C 0

Final

Sacred Heart B 1 v St Albans 0

PE Kits

Most children have returned to school after the summer with their P.E. kits, please ensure that this is brought in as soon as possible as it can prevent your child taking part in certain activities if they do not have the correct kit.

Changing for PE

Typically to get changed for a PE lesson 3-10 minutes is allocated as part of the lesson depending on age. However in some lessons it is currently taking over 20 minutes for some children to get changed. Please give your child as many opportunities as possible at home to practise getting changed (I appreciate this can be difficult in the rush of the morning) to ensure that they get as much PE time as possible.

Sports Update Gold Award

We received the Schools Games Gold mark for the 3rd year in a row in July which is a great achievement. This is down to the amount of sport and competition offered by the school. Thank you for the ongoing support from the parents and children for all of your participation.



Parents Evening

Parents Evening dates for this term are given below. Please make sure you have signed up for your appointment with your child's class teacher. We really value your time and support in attending these important meetings.

Date	Year group
Tuesday 6 th November	F2, Y1 (Miss Turner), Y2 (Mrs Hollis); Y3, Y5, Y6
Thursday 8 th November	Y2 (Miss Last); Y4
Tuesday 20 th November	Y2 (Mrs Osiac.

School Attendance

Attendance is just below our target. Well done to all who have still got 100%!

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at % or above.

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 92%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 92%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation I Miss Salisbury	98%	98%
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	97%	86%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	93%	95%
Year 1: Miss J Turner & Mrs Osiac	91%	92%
Year 2 Mrs Hollis	96%	97%
Year 2: Miss Last	92%	82%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	96%	96%
Year 4 Miss Davies	94%	92%
Year 5:Mr Clare	95%	94%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	79%	87%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	94%	96%

Family Mass



On the first Sunday of every month our classes take it in turns to take part in the 11am parish family mass.

These are lovely occasions with the children fully involved in the prayers, readings and songs.

Thank you to all those families who support these Masses; the children love taking part, and we would like to encourage all our school families to share these special occasions.

**Please join us at 11am on
Sunday 11th November
for our next Family Mass**



Baptismal Preparation

If you wish to have your child baptised at St Joseph's church you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 2pm
Sunday 11th November

in
St Alban's Parish Hall

You don't need to book a place, just come along for an informal hour of information and to collect an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office to arrange a date



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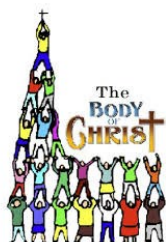


“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 2 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers



Family Mass

We would like to invite you to our next Family Mass led by Y3 and Y4 children will take place on Sunday 11th November at 11.00 at St Joseph's Church. As we approach Remembrance Day our prayers and reflections will commemorate all those who serve, or have served their country in times of war. Please could we ask that children arrive at church by 10.50. Our family masses are always special occasions and it is always lovely to welcome you and your families. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Thank you

At the end of this term we sadly will be saying farewell to Mrs Hollis and Mr Clare, who are leaving to embark on exciting new career paths. Mrs Hollis has recently been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at St Peter and Paul's Primary School starting in January 2019. Mrs Hollis has worked at St Joseph's for over 18 years and

during that time has given so generously to our school family and achieved so much, both as teacher and Assistant Headteacher. We will all miss her, but want to thank her so much and wish her the very best of luck in her new post.

Mr Clare is leaving to embark on a new exciting chapter in his life as he is moving to live in New Zealand in January where he will take up a new teaching post. During his time with us Mr Clare has become such a central part of our family at St Joseph's and achieved so much for our children. This is a really exciting opportunity for Mr Clare; we will all miss him but want to thank him for all he has given to St Joseph's and wish him all the very best for his future. We know that both our teachers will continue to be a success in their new ventures.

We are delighted to have appointed two new teachers to take up post in January. We have appointed Miss J Allen as Y5 teacher and Mr D Broughton as Year 2 teacher. They are both excellent experienced teachers and we are delighted to have them on our team. We look forward to welcoming them.

Sadly Mrs Easton who has worked at St Joseph's for over 20 years is retiring from St Josephs' due to ill health. Mrs Easton is one of our longest serving members of staff and has always been so generous in her support and work for the school. We will all miss her very much but wish her the very best for the future and her health.

CAFOD Brighten Up

Thank you so much for your generosity in raising money to support CAFOD, and many thanks to the children for all their fundraising work. Our Enterprise morning was such a great success enabling us to raise over £350. What a great effort by all. Thank you.



Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 2nd November 2018	
Mrs Walker	Grace Charlesworth
Miss Howard	Kian Pulford
Miss J Turner & Mrs Osiac	Bobby Cotgrave
Mrs Hollis	Hollie Smith
Miss Last	Dylan O'Quigley
Miss Finnigan	Mikey Myers
Miss Davies	Amelia Smith
Mr Clare	Mason Skillen
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Alisha Miller-Gray
Mrs Morgan	Alfie Dodd