

## This week with Miss Salisbury....



Mr McCann's Class have started their new topic 'Space' in Science. They will be learning all about the Solar System and Day and Night. They had a Pre-Learning activity to complete about what they already knew

about Space and then they had the opportunity to write down any question about what they would like to learn about. They then watched a short video about the planets that make up our solar system.

We then went into the hall and made The Solar System using our bodies and balloons as the planets, the sun and the moons. The children moved and spun around the sun to model how the planets orbited the sun.

In Mrs Hollis Class this week the children have been learning their colours in French. The children sang 'The Rainbow Song' in French and then practised

their pronunciation. Once they could remember most of the names they got into pairs and played colour bingo, picking cards and saying the colour in French and matching it to the written French word. They did very well.



In Mrs Walker's Class this week the children have been learning that God made everything. Foundation 1&2 learnt a new song and put actions to it, that talks about God make the sea and the birds and the bees and making us. The children really enjoyed the song and during busy time, they drew pictures of things that God had made. They were beautiful



## The Reading Challenge

This week, in year 6 we have re-launched the Reading Challenge competition after its success last year.

We are lucky to have a variety of 10 different books for the children to take home one at a time.

The challenge is for children to have read all 10 books by the end of the school year.

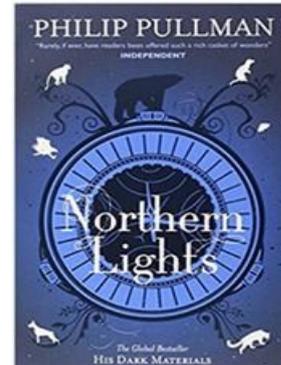
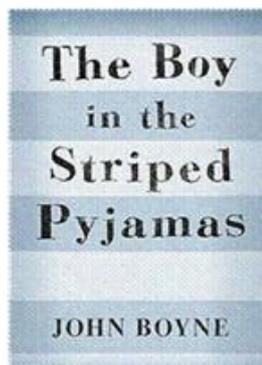
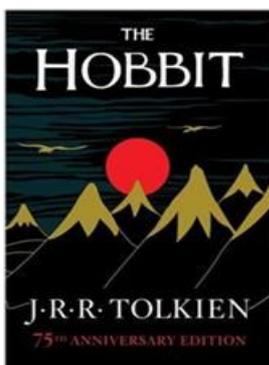
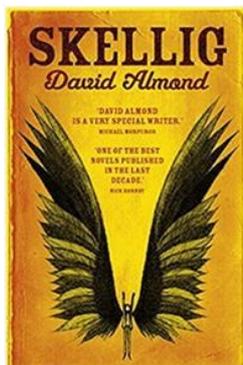
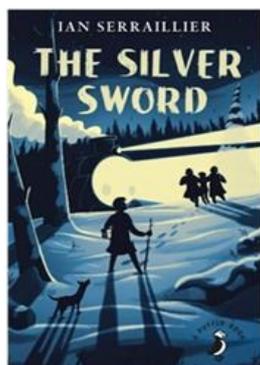
Once children have completed a book, they will be required to complete a 'follow-up' task in their Reading journal. When your child has completed their 'follow-up' task, they should bring it into school to be checked by Mrs Boekweit-Hughes and Miss Morgan before starting the next book in the challenge. For each book and 'follow-up' task your child completes, they'll receive a certificate.

After completing 5 books, your child will receive a special Reading Challenge medal. If your child completes all ten Reading Challenge books, they'll

receive a very special grand prize at the end of the year!

They'll also be awarded with a school Reading Ambassador badge to wear with pride. As this scheme is considered an extra challenge, your child will also be provided with a separate home reading book to read alongside it. Children should aim to read at home 5 times per week and adults will be required to sign and date in home reading records so that teachers can monitor the progress of your child's reading on a regular basis.

**We cannot stress enough the importance of Reading every evening. Sitting with your child, listening to them read and discussing plot and character is invaluable. Reading is a key skill which underpins every subject in the curriculum.**



# Welcome to the Mini Vinnies



## Turning Concern into Action

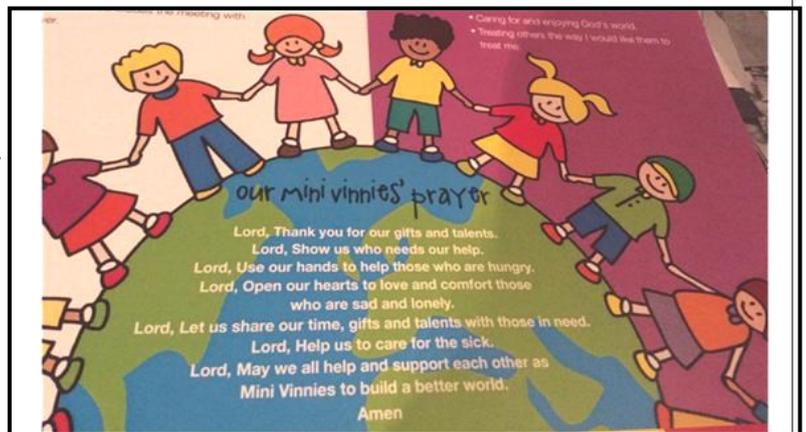
This year St Joseph's Primary School have worked with the parish St Vincent de Paul (SVP) adult group and have decided to set up our own "Mini Vinnies".

## What is Mini Vinnies?

Mini Vinnies is a St Vincent de Paul group in a primary school. It is a group of young people in a primary school who get together, organise and talk about helping others in need within their school community and beyond. What makes Mini Vinnies such a valuable experience for the

children who are a part of it, is the change it makes in school communities.

Our Mini Vinnies group meet weekly during lunch time and it is run by Mrs Airey and a member of the parish SVP is invited once a month to share prayers and reflections. The first cohort of children is from year three and are also making the Sacrament of Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this summer.



## Our Mini Vinnies pledge

As a member of Mini Vinnies, I promise to make a difference in my world by:

- Caring for, respecting and loving myself
- Strengthening my friendship with Jesus by talking to him each day
- Caring for others in my school and community by being a friend to those who are alone
- Making my family happy by my help, respect and showing kindness and consideration
- Caring for and enjoying God's world



# School Attendance

**Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!**

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

**Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 94%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 95%**

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.

**Attendance Panels are taking place on**

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	91%	93%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	95%	99%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	98%	95%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	92%	89%
Year 2: Miss Last	95%	96%
Year 3: Mrs Hollis	95%	95%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	98%	96%
Year 4/5 Mr McCann	91%	91%
Year 5: Mr Clare	97%	95%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	88%	96%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	89%	91%

## Key dates for your diary for the Autumn Term

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am	Year 5 Family Mass
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	3.45 – 5.30	Parents Evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3.45 -5.30	Parents Evening
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	3.30	PTA Christmas Fayre and Market
Saturday 2nd December	7pm	Advent Concert with Jo Boyce in St Joseph's Church

### Our Christmas performances

Foundation Stage Nativity	19 <sup>th</sup> December pm;	20 <sup>th</sup> December am
KS1 Nativity	19 <sup>th</sup> December am;	20 <sup>th</sup> December; pm
KS2 Christmas Carol Service	21 <sup>st</sup> December pm	



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“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 3rd November 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

## Family Mass

We would like to invite you to our Year 5 family mass will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00.



The children have been preparing for the mass in school this week and as we approach Remembrance Day their 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.

## School Inset day

A reminder that there will be a school INSET (Training) day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November and school will be closed to pupils on this day. You will previously have received details of this date when the term dates were sent out at the start of the year. All schools allocate 5 INSET days throughout the year to provide staff with training to ensure that provision for your children is enhanced and improved.



## Parents Evening

Parents Evening for all our children will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 3.40 – 5.30. You will have received a letter this week to request appointment times. Please could we ask that you return these promptly so that we can confirm arrangements for your child. Our meetings are a great opportunity to work with you in supporting your child and for you to discuss your child's progress. We really value your time and support in attending these important meetings.



**Parent's Evening**

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 2nd November 2017	
Mrs Walker	Sam Murphy
Miss Howard	Blake Fletcher
Miss J Turner	Kyle Price
Miss Davies	Karn McCrorie
Miss Last	Luke McNamara
Mrs Hollis	Ryan Noble
Miss Finnigan	Christian Quirk
Mr McCann	Rhea-Nicole Roberts
Mr Clare	Olivia Tait
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	James-Josef Morgan
Miss Morgan	Katlin Boyd