

## This week in year 1 / 2

Year 1/2 have worked so hard this week and have been absolute superstars!

We have been reading 'Meerkat Mail' and we have written some postcards as Sunny, the main character. The children have tried so hard with their spellings and are continuing to work on their beautiful cursive handwriting. We are now writing our own postcards that we are going to send to someone special. We are focusing on using capital letters, full stops and adjectives.

In maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction. We are getting super speedy at recalling our number bonds to 10 and 20. We have been adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers and are becoming more confident



at doing this without equipment - well done everyone!

As we have started our reading challenge again we have been encouraging the children to read at home each night and some children have already had a certificate and are very close to their second - keep it up as there are some fantastic rewards on offer

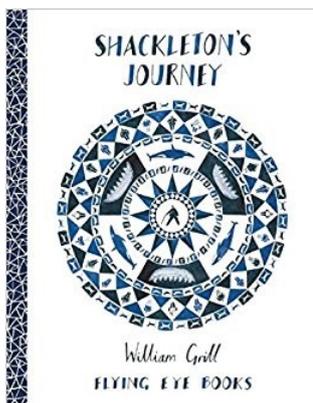
We have started to practise our songs for the nativity: A Christmas Recipe, which will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> December in the morning and 20<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Our Year 1s will take part in the choir as stars and snowflakes, and Year 2 have been given a part.

We are very excited for this and can't wait for you all to see it!

## With Y6 this week .....

We have been working really hard across all areas of the curriculum. I continue to be impressed with how well our Year 6s are progressing and are keen to know and hit their learning targets. We have settled into a new classroom and are enjoying sorting out our class library. We are having a big focus on reading this half term and children have their reading challenge and an additional home reading book to read each week. The more we read, the better we get and the more confident we will become as writers!

We have been learning about Ernest Shackleton and his heroic exploits trying to reach the South Pole.



We have learned a model text, a biography, which is all about his life and achievements. We are now innovating this genre by writing a text about Robert Falcon Scott, who is another famous Antarctic explorer. The children have absolutely loved

writing in role and reading several texts and newspaper articles all about their adventures!

In maths, we've been mastering multiplication methods and strategies. We are having a big push on reasoning about how and why we are using particular methods to approach problem solving activities.

It's been anti-bullying week this week, so we have been discussing the key message this year of 'All different, all equal' and celebrating all the wonderful things that make each of us unique. Some of us have turned up to school wearing odd socks and even odd shoes!



We said a sad goodbye to Father David on Thursday at mass as he moves onto his new parish in Stockport. Whilst drawing self portraits for him, we shared memories of our time with him in St Joseph's. Keep going, Year 6. What a fantastic bunch you are!

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Next Friday is  
Chocolate Stall day  
BUT  
we are still collecting for  
any of the stalls  
Please send your donations  
in to school  
as soon as possible



As we look forward to Christmas and all the excitement of Santa, please join our parish family to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent  
on **Saturday 2nd December in St Josephs church**

Our Y6 children will be singing in the concert and it would be lovely to see you too

**Tickets are £5 for adults and free for children**

## **PREPARE THE WAY**

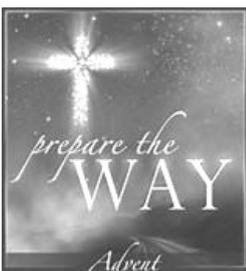
Is a concert of to celebrate the Advent and Christmas Season with

### **Jo Boyce & Friends**

and a Children's Choir from St Joseph's & St Alban's Schools  
in St Joseph's Church

**Saturday 2nd December**

please order your tickets at school office  
or ring the parish office at St Alban's 638 1520



# 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: 92%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 93%**

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	93%	82%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	98%	91%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	94%	94%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	94%	91%
Year 2: Miss Last	98%	97%
Year 3: Mrs Hollis	96%	91%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	98%	97%
Year 4/5 Mr McCann	96%	91%
Year 5: Mr Clare	89%	90%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	99%	96%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	91%	92%

## Diary Dates for Autumn Term

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3.30pm  
**PTA Christmas Fayre**

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

## Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family afternoon with drawing, painting, cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in

**St Albans Parish Centre**

on

**Sunday 19th November**

from 3pm - 4.30pm

**Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult**



# 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 17th November 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

### Thank you, Father David.

Earlier this week we celebrated a very special mass together with Father David to say thank you to him for all he has done for St Joseph's in the time he has been with us as our parish priest and chaplain. Father David has been with us for over 6 years and in that time has given so much to support the growth of our faith community. We will all miss him very much at St Joseph's but we want to wish him every blessing and happiness in his new ministry as parish priest of Our Lady and the Apostles in Stockport.



### Prepare the Way Concert

St Joseph's and St Alban's are preparing to take part in the "Prepare the Way" concert alongside Jo Boyce from CJM music to be held at St Joseph's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. This will be a fabulous event for our children to take part in and

for everyone to attend. Thank you to all those children who have put themselves forward for our choir. Rehearsals will take place on **Tuesday 21st, Monday 27th and Wednesday 30th November 3.30pm - 4.15pm.**

Tickets will go on sale for the event next week. Tickets are £5 for adults and free for children so as many of you as possible can come along. You can obtain them via school. The choir of course don't need one but everyone else does!



### School Inset Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November is a school INSET day and school will be closed to pupils on this day. 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.

### Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all the families who have kindly sent in their shoe boxes or individual gift donations for our class shoe boxes in support of our Operation Christmas Child campaign. This wonderful campaign aims to bring some Christmas joy to children around the world who are in need. We will be sending off our shoe boxes next week on 23<sup>rd</sup> November so there is still time to send these in if you are able to support. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
School INSET day  
(school closed to pupils)**

### Golden Assembly 17th November 2017

Mrs Walker	Grace Charlesworth
Miss Howard	Amelia Saunders
Miss J Turner	Ellie McPhee
Miss Davies	Liam Keelan
Miss Last	Layton Cooper
Mrs Hollis	Kacper Wasiak
Miss Finnigan	Jake Cullimore
Mr McCann	Jasmin Hurst
Mr Clare	Garry Chapman
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Natasha Murphy
Mrs Morgan	Casey-Leigh Vicary