

## Year 3

This week in science year 3 have been rock detectives. We have been investigating different types of rocks. After looking and feeling the rocks, we used hoops to sort them. Then we labelled them using words such as rough, smooth, hard and soft to describe the rocks' properties.

The children used a variety of equipment to identify similarities and differences between the rocks.

They recorded their observations in a table. We then played a game finding the odd rock out justifying why it was the odd one.

Our science topic closely links to our theme about the Stone Age and the book we have been reading Stone Age Boy. We look forward to learning more about rocks and the Stone Age!



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## Foundation Stage Welcome Mass



their amazing confidence and their wonderful singing. It was fabulous to have so many of our parents celebrating Mass with us and taking an active part in the faith journey of their children. We hope to see all of you again soon at Mass where school and parish can come together as a family. For the younger children, at the 11am Sunday Mass, they can join in with the Children's Liturgy group for their own special lesson about the gospel story for the day.

Wednesday was truly a special occasion in St Joseph's. We gathered together as a whole school to celebrate Mass where we welcomed our F2 children. Every child in F2 now has their very own 'Buddy' from Year 5 who will be their friend and help them to feel happy, safe and welcome in their new school.

The theme of our Mass was 'friendship' and we thought about all of the special qualities we see in our friends and what it means to be a good friend to one another.

Our F2 children stole the show and made everyone smile with

# Year 1 are working hard ...



In Literacy Year 1 have been reading the book Peace at Last. As a class the children have made adaptations to the original version of the story, altering the characters, the noises that keep the character awake and where they go to try and

within the classroom made from plastic, metal and wood. To link with our shared reading the children have been studying 'the three little pigs' and the materials they used to make their houses. They used puppets to re-enact the story.



get some sleep. This led to a fantastic shared write lesson, with the children offering amazing ideas and sentences. Individually the children have sequenced the story and written their own short, simple sentences. They have been trying to use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and sitting letters on the lines. We had a fun lesson using musical instruments to recreate some of the sounds in the book. What a busy week it has been in Year 1!



During RE, we have been learning about God's world creation. The children have had the opportunity to be aware of the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation. They

## Science

In science Year 1 have started their first topic on materials. This week they are looking at plastic, metal and wood and sorting/classifying items

according to their properties. The children enjoyed their 'be the detective' material game where they had to find objects



understand and have learnt how God made us because he loves us. To celebrate this, the children created their own worlds, with their hands prints to symbolise they are God's creations.



# 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: 94%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 94%**

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%	94%
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	95%	93%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	100%	100%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	99%	97%
Year 2 Mrs Hollis	93%	94%
Year 2: Miss Last	89%	91%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	88%	95%
Year 4 Miss Davies	96%	99%
Year 5:Mr Clare	91%	94%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	88%	89%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	81%	87%

## 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 more families to share these special occasions.

**Please join us at 11am on  
Sunday 7th October  
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 14th October**

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



# 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 28th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Our Foundation Stage Welcome Mass

We had a wonderful celebration on Wednesday at our special Mass to welcome all our Foundation 2 children to our parish family of St Joseph's. Our younger children all took part in the mass alongside their special friend in Year 5. We were so proud of them all. Each child in Foundation 2 now has a Year 5 special friend whose role it is to look after and support them in school. It was so lovely to have parents and family with us to celebrate this special day and to share it with the whole school.

All the F2 children received their own special prayer book which we hope they will treasure and enjoy sharing special times for prayer with their parents. The children also learnt about other ways in which they can get involved in the Church through 'Messy Church' and at the Sunday Mass in Children's Liturgy. Both these activities provide interesting and fun ways for children to learn more about Jesus and our faith. 'Messy

Church' which included stories, craft activities and tasty snacks for the children takes place at St Alban's Parish Centre on the third Sunday of every month, and is a great afternoon for all.

## Attendance Matters

Our Attendance Assembly last week was a fitting celebration for all those children who have now become Attendance Ambassadors as a result of their excellent attendance last year. Congratulations to the children who received their award from the Mayor of Wirral. We cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance which is directly linked to improved academic performance and children's well-being and confidence.



## Unauthorised Holidays

Unfortunately, we have noticed recently that there has been an increase in the number of families taking holidays in term time. In line with national and local guidance please note that holidays cannot be authorised in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any requests for holidays must be made in writing to the head teacher and fixed penalty fines are applied for any holidays which have not been authorised. As these fines apply to each parent and each child they can be very costly. A copy of the School's Attendance Policy is available on the school website.

## INSET day

As outlined on our Term Time Dates given out in July there will be a training day for all staff on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** and on that day school will be closed to pupils.

Every Blessing

Mrs Vernon

### Golden Assembly 28th September 2018

Mrs Walker	Violet Field
Miss Howard	Sophie Lucanska
Miss J Turner	Amelia Saunders
Mrs Hollis	Mason Quinn
Miss Last	Grace McGinness
Miss Davies	Aimee Griffiths
Miss Finnigan	Lucie Evans
Mr Clare	Katie Evans
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Jessica Nicholas-Stevens
Mrs Morgan	Kaleb Hunt