



SPORTS UPDATE



please tweet us with any sporting achievements your child makes outside school



First Half Term Review

Curriculum

It's been a very busy first seven weeks! We've welcomed 2 new members of staff to our P.E. team. Mrs Steen and Miss Wasley have both been warmly welcomed, and have given our children an opportunity to experience high quality dance and gymnastics.



Extra Curricular

Well done to our Year 5s who have just completed 6 weeks of trampolining. This finished in a fantastic routine display to their parents. Thank you to everyone who attended. We are aiming to give as many children as possible to chance to experience trampolining this year, next half term is Year 4s turn. Sessions start Friday 17th November at 8:00am.

Competition

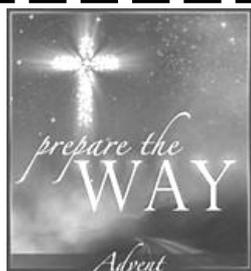
Congratulations to our football team who beat St. Albans 7-4 in an exciting match on 2nd October.

We have also completed Level 1 tournaments in Y3 dodgeball and Y4 netball. Well done to all participants.



Y6 Residential

Remember the £185 for the trip to Low Bank is to be paid by the end of November. It can be paid in full or in instalments. Please see Mr McGovern if you have any questions.



PREPARE THE WAY

An Advent Celebration 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 join us for an exceptional evening to begin your Advent season and our preparations for Christmas

Tickets are £8.50 /£6 concessions

booking forms from the school office or from the parish office at St Alban's

Foundation 2 - making teddy friends



What a wonderful half term Foundation 2 we have had in St Joseph's! We welcomed lots of new children into F2 and the children have enjoyed settling in and exploring their new areas of provision!

This week we found some

reading teddies in our book corner, they told the children that they love stories and asked if the children could tell them some of their favourite stories! The children loved looking after the teddies and reading books with them.

We were really excited to welcome our families into school this week to learn all about phonics and about



our exciting reading challenge relaunch! Our families came onto our classroom and we chose books to read together.

We have been reading the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and this week the children

made their own version of the story. They came up with some great ideas!

We have been learning all about Diwali this week and the children have been making Rangoli patterns, diya lamps and designing mehndi patterns. We went to a special assembly and learnt all about the story of Rama and Sita.



Making a new friend



On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Tony the guide dog. He is 8 months old and is training with his owner. We heard all about his daily routines and what he needs to

learn to carry out his special job.

At the moment Tony is learning how to be safe on the roads so he can carefully lead people around in public. He is introduced to sights, smells and sounds - such as busy roads and public transport.

Tony is learning to walk ahead on the lead and obey simple



commands, we got to see him sit, lie down, stay and come.

We found out that once born, each litter is named after a letter of the alphabet so all of Tony's family will have a name beginning with T!

In 4 months, Tony will go back to school to continue his training and when he is ready he will be matched with an owner.

We had the opportunity to ask our own questions and then we got to have a cuddle with Tony before he left!



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: 95%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 94%+6

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 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	99%	91%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	94%	95%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	94%	98%
Year 1/2 : Mrs Hollis	91%	92%
Year 2: Miss Last	97%	95%
Year 3: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	91%	95%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	94%	98%
Year 4/5 Mr McCann	97%	91%
Year 5: Mr Clare	96%	97%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	91%	88%
Year 6: Mrs Lewtas	100%	89%

Key dates for your diary for the Autumn Term

Sunday 5 th November	11.00am	Year 5 Family Mass
Tuesday 7 th November	3.45 – 5.30	Parents Evening
Wednesday 8 th November	3.45 -5.30	Parents Evening
Friday 1 st 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 th December pm;	20 th December am
KS1 Nativity	19 th December am;	20 th December; pm
KS2 Christmas Carol Service	21 st 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 20th October 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

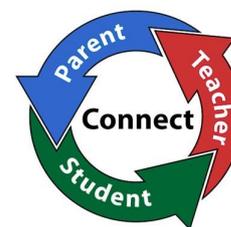
Reading at Home

In the first week back after half term we would love you to join us and the children for a launch of our Reading Challenge books. This has been organised over different afternoons for each class taking place at 3pm in your child's class. You will have received a separate letter detailing the time for your class. Please note the change of time for Year 6 from Wednesday 1st November to Thursday 2nd November. Teachers will share the books with you. They will also tell you about all the reading incentives we will have this year and give you handy hints for reading with your child/children at home. We look forward to welcoming you into school. Thank you for your continued support.



Parents Evening

Parents Evening for all our children will take place on Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November from 3.45 – 5.30. Class teachers will contact you closer to the date to arrange individual appointment times. 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.



No Smoking Policy

Public Health England and NICE guidance is very clear that no smoking is permitted either **on, or within the sight and vicinity of the school grounds**. The detrimental effects of tobacco on health are widely publicised as is the need to provide good role models to children. Your support in ensuring these expectations are followed is appreciated.



School Mass

Wednesday 1st November is All Saints Feast Day so the school will be going over to church for mass at 9.30. We would love you to join us as we celebrate together. We also look forward to our Year 5 Family Mass on Sunday 5th November in which the children from year 5 will all have a part to play in the mass including leading prayers, singing and taking part in the offertory procession. 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



Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 19th October 2017

Mrs Walker	Isla Naylor
Miss Howard	Zac McNamara-Marsden
Miss J Turner	Lennon Oldrid-Lowe
Mrs Hollis	Macauley Wheeler Woodward
Miss Last	Laila-Rose Smyth
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Olivia Hughes
Miss Finnigan	Matthew Quinn
Mr McCann	Alfie Butler
Mr Clare	Jasmin Ashworth
Miss Lewtas	Natasha Murphy
Mrs Morgan	Jadie-Leigh Johnson