

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

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Newsletter 4

17th November 2017

Dear Parents

A late welcome back to our final half-term of 2017! The dark evenings are clearly upon us, so please take extra care when picking up your children and walking them home after school.

The children have continued to work extremely hard, producing high quality work and engaging enthusiastically with school life. Please continue to encourage this positive attitude at home, particularly through your engagement with supporting any homework given by the teacher. Too often recently, we have noticed that the presentation and quality of this work does not always match that of work done in school. It is important that the children take the same pride in all work undertaken, whether it be at school or at home.

Our annual All Saints Day Mass at St Joseph's Church was a very special event this year. As well as the whole school being in attendance, ten Year 6 pupils were inaugurated into the service as School Chaplains. Father Paul and Father Frank conducted the service and handed out the Chaplain's sashes whilst blessing the children and reminding them of their commitment to serve others. Well done to: Joseph, Bruna, Lily, Carolina, Aaliyah & Erica (6B) and Emmeline, Erin, Patrick & Braden (6W).

A big 'thank you' again to all the families who have contributed towards the Governors' Building Fund. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, the funds support important refurbishment and repair works. Our successful bid to replace the dilapidated school windows and doors amounted to £100,000. Although this was great news, it only allows us to complete two elevations of the school. We are bidding for further funding this year. The Governors' Fund will be used to support this work, and enable us to replace all of the fascias, guttering and downpipes throughout the building. These extended works are critical, and need to be addressed as soon as possible. Your generosity provides us with an opportunity to enable this to happen.

Finally, my commiserations go out to all Spurs fans in advance of your impending defeat to Arsenal tomorrow.

Have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Sutton', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

P Sutton

SPORTS NEWS

HARROW SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE – 18TH OCTOBER 2017

Well done to:

Tom, Ryan, Michael, Dylan, Alessandro, Delilah-Rose, Mara, Vienna & Kushi (Year 5)

Patrick, Matthew, Jaden, Desmond, Ben, Michael, Thomas, Erin, Hannah, Bruna & Aaliya (Year 6)



YEAR 4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – 19TH OCTOBER 2017

Well done to: Tom, Rocco, Finn, Philip, Cailin, Natalie, Cordelia & Stanley (4D)
Zahir, Michael, Thomas, Ethan, Braden, Jude, Daisy & Isobel (4T)



GAELIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – 19TH OCTOBER 2017

Well done to:- Haley, Anthony, Patrick, Ben, Jarell, Thomas, Kittie-Mai, Elizabeth, Hannah, Emmeline & Emer.

NEWS

KS1 SPORTS FESTIVAL AT HARROW LEISURE CENTRE 7TH NOVEMBER 2017

Well done to: Aidan, Kirthi, Zofia, Taylor, Stephen & Charlie (2S)

Tadiwanashe, Jack W, Luana, Liam, Patrick & Ciaran (2J)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took part in our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal.

We will let you know the total number of boxes collected in the next newsletter.

Thank you again!

If you would like to contact the School Governors, please email:

governors@stjosephs.harrow.sch.uk

NEWS



We had a visit from a Road Safety Officer from Harrow Council reminding the children how to be road safety aware at all times.



The whole school was treated to a Pantomime, 'The Reluctant Dragon', kindly paid for by our Friends Association. Thank you very much!

Chaplains' Enrolment

On Thursday 9th November, we had a Whole School Mass and, during it, Father Paul gave all the student chaplains a special blessing to initiate the children into chaplaincy.

At the start of the Mass we were given a sheet of paper which had our responses and the special prayer on it.

After the Homily, Father Paul called us up and gave us the special blessing and a Student Chaplain sash to wear when we are present in our meetings. During the special blessing, we had to read our responses and our prayer out loud.

This special blessing gives us the courage to spread the Word of God and share our inner thoughts and feelings with other students. We will now be leading assemblies at school to share what has happened during the previous Sunday's Mass and helping to teach the students how to strengthen their faith.

By Patrick and Erin (6W)



STARS OF THE WEEK

	W/E: 03/11/2017	W/E: 10/11/2017
RC	Daniel	Cailin Rose
RS	Luca	Elsa
1C	Conrad	Olivia
1K	Malchy	Jasper
2J	Alexandra	Stefany
2S	Alex	Taylor
3P	Tomi	Enzo
3W	Olaf	Alex
4D	Harry	Whole Class for their assembly
4T	Nikkie / Zahir	Joseph / Angelina
5GP	Andria	Laura
5P	Hubert	Joanne
6B	Joseph	Gabrielle
6W	Victoria	Rohan

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12th Dec - 9.30am – Christmas Production (RC, 1K, 2S)
- 13th Dec – 9.30am – Christmas Production (RS, 1C, 2J)
- 18th Dec – Carol Concert – 2pm (Yrs 3 & 4)
- 18th Dec – Carol Concert – 7pm (Yrs 5 & 6)
- 20th Dec – School closes 2.30pm

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

We require 'as & when' Lunchtime Supervisors (1¼ hrs per day) to cover occasional illness/leave.

If you are interested, please call into the school office for further details and an application form.

Many thanks
Mrs French

ADMISSIONS

RECEPTION 2018-19

(Date of birth: 01/09/2013-31/08/2014)

Closing date for receipt of supplementary forms (available from our school website) is:
15th January 2018.

Please also complete online application on Harrow Council website by **15th January 2018.**

Many thanks

LUNCHES

Any choices containing chocolate on the latest menu will be substituted.

FUNDRAISING

Delilah, Shannon, Savanna, Kara and Annie (Year 5) held a cake sale on Thurs, 9th November and raised the wonderful sum of **£111.00** for Children in Need. Well done girls!!!

This Wednesday's Word: **TALENT**

"Life is a talent entrusted to us so that we can transform it and increase it, making it a gift to others." Pope St John Paul II

Ask your child what the word 'talent' means to them. Everybody has some God-given gifts or talents. They might not be as obvious as being good at sport, or acting, or singing, but they are just as valuable and please God greatly.



The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrong-doing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French. Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fav