

St Joseph's Newsletter

22/09/2023

Prayer and Liturgy – thank you to all of the parents who joined their children's classes today to share this with them. Throughout this week the children have been spending time reflecting on our Mission Statement and our key words.

On Tuesday morning we will celebrate our first school Mass with Canon Michael Jones.

Macmillan Cake Sale will be held on Thursday 28th September. If you are able to provide any cakes to support this, please send them into school on Wednesday 27th.

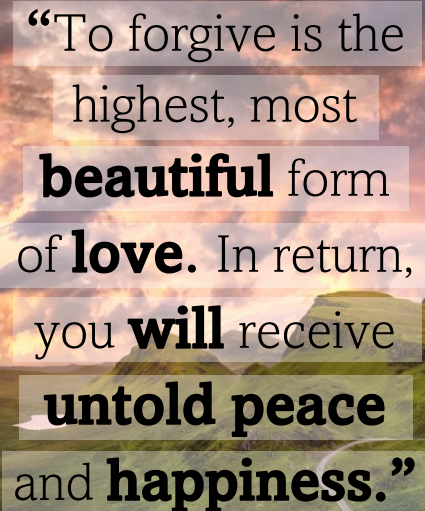
The school hall will be open for you to buy cakes and sit and have a cup of tea/coffee or juice with friends from 8.45am.

Thank you to Mrs Teasdale and Mr Tomlinson from **All Hallows** who came in to speak to Year 5 and 6 and their parents and carers on Wednesday morning about the transition to high school.

All Hallows are holding an open evening for children and parents and carers in Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 6th October, 6:00pm-8:00pm. You can pre-register your attendance via their school website or use the QR code on the flyer that was sent home.

High School applications need to be made by the end of October for the children in Year 6. If you would like any help with this, please contact the school office.

Lunchtime Organiser – We are looking for a new LO to work term time only, from 12.00 – 1pm. Please ask at the main office if interested.



“To forgive is the highest, most **beautiful** form of **love**. In return, you **will** receive **untold peace** and **happiness**.”

Robert Muller

We began this week by thinking about what it means to forgive. In this week's Gospel reading, Matthew 18: 21-35, Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive someone who sins against us. Jesus says not seven times but seventy-seven times - in other words, no matter how many times somebody hurts us, we need to forgive them! Peter's question helps us to understand that daily choices to forgive others are needed.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely week. We have been learning to share and care for each other just like in our school mission statement.



The children are settling into school life so well and have already made lots of friends and had new experiences.

Reception

Reception have been super busy this week, learning sounds and celebrating Rosh Hashanah.

We painted tigers, for the sound t, and penguins for the sound p. We learnt that Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish festival that celebrates the new year, they enjoy sweet treats like apples and honey,



and bake homemade Challah bread. Reception had a go at baking their own bread, mixing all the ingredients and putting in the oven, and we had apples dipped in honey for snack, YUMMY!

Year 1

Year 1 have loved learning all about our School mission and values. We have been thinking about what faith, respect, confidence, resilience and empathy mean to us. We have explored these key words through art, drama, song and prayer. It was so much fun reading about Noah's Ark in the Bible and acting it out as a class. Painting through prayer was another fun activity we got to do! We even wrote our own class prayer! We enjoyed having our families take part in our class collective worship and it was nice to share what we have been learning about this week. The week has been very busy and as a class we decided that it is important that we never give up and are kind to everyone.

Year 2

Year 2 have immersed themselves in our religion lessons and our Mission week. They have really been thinking about what each of our schools driver words means to them and how we can make sure we are living life to the full. The children have had some lovely, thoughtful responses during each lesson and have shown this through, drama, art and prayer and we can't stop singing! They also enjoyed sharing one of our collective worship sessions with parents. In maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers and have been using base ten resources and part whole models to help.

Year 3

Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this week, especially in Maths! This week we have explored number lines and used division to calculate the scale of a number line. We have used practical resources to find half of a number to support us when estimating numbers on an empty number line. We also used hundred squares and thousand squares to consolidate multiples of 10 and 100 as well as spotting number facts with our understanding of place value. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

This week we have been focusing on our key values: Faith, Resilience, Confidence, Respect and Empathy. We have been acting, drawing, singing, researching and writing our class prayer. It has been amazing to see how creative Year 4 children are. In English, we have been learning about different types of conjunctions and using them to expand sentences in order to write a character description. In Maths, we have been continuing representing and partitioning numbers to 10000. It has been great to see all the children doing Accelerated Reader tests and changing their books. Remember, it is important that the children read every night at home and also, to practise their times tables on TTRS.

Year 5

It has been a busy and productive week for Y5. In English lessons the children have written character descriptions, using imagery and powerful vocabulary to bring to life the hideous monster, Grendel, who has been wreaking havoc in our class text. In maths lessons we have been exploring six-digit numbers using place value charts. To begin the Science topic, Properties and Changes in Materials, Y5 worked in pairs to record anything they remembered or already knew about this topic. It has been a very special week for RE: Mission and Vision week. The whole school have been exploring our Mission Statement and the vision we have in school to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and grow in faith with resilience, respect, empathy and confidence.



Year 6

We have had a jam-packed week of work in Year 6. As this week was our school's Mission Week, we looked at our mission statement and discussed all the ways we 'live life to the full' at St. Joseph's. We also looked at our school words: Resilience, Faith, Confidence, Respect and Empathy. In class, we did some drama, played games and thought about times in our lives when we have been resilient. In maths, we have been looking at place value and this week we explored numbers all the way to ten million. In English, we have started writing a narrative about Alma. I can't wait to read the finished pieces.

This Week's School Attendance

NURSERY	88%	YEAR 3	85.7%
RECEPTION	93.4%	YEAR 4	88.8%
YEAR 1	91.9%	YEAR 5	93%
YEAR 2	89.7%	YEAR 6	85.9%
SCHOOL		89.6%	

Congratulations to St Peter

WINNERS
of this
week's
house points
award



Happy Birthday to....

Ahamad

Bezalel

Tillyanna

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 18 th September	Mission and Vision Week
Wednesday 20 th September	All Hallows Assembly for Parents of Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 25 th September	3pm – KS1 Phonics / Reading Meeting – Hall
Thursday 28 th September	Macmillan Cake Sale, 8.45am School Hall
Monday 2 nd October	Black History Month 3pm – EY Phonics / Reading Meeting
Thursday 5 th October	National Poetry Day All Hallows Open Evening 6pm-8pm
Monday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 11 th October	3pm – EY Maths Meeting – Classroom
Tuesday 17 th October	Breakfast and a Book – EY
Wednesday 18 th October	Breakfast and a Book – KS1
Friday 20 th October	School closes for half term break at 3.30pm
Tuesday 31 st October	School opens for Autumn 2 half term