

St Joseph's Newsletter

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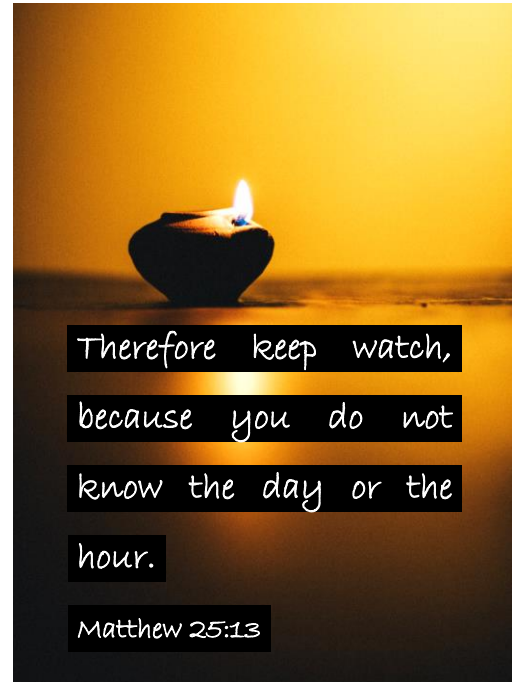
Christmas Fayre – this will be on Friday 1st December straight after school. We would like to ask for donations of bottles, chocolates, pre-loved teddies and nearly new toys. These can be sent into school at anytime. Thank you for your support.

Football – well done to the children who represented the school on Wednesday. They won the match 15-0. Thank you to the staff, and to parents for their support.



Children in Need - thank you for your donations. The children have all enjoyed an ice cream from Austin. Money is still coming in, we will let you know next week.

Medicine – Parents must bring prescribed medicine to the school office and complete a medicine form to authorise staff to administer. Children can not have medicine in their bags and self-administer.



Therefore keep watch,
because you do not
know the day or the
hour.

Matthew 25:13

This week has been anti-bullying week. During our assembly on Monday we thought about what bullying is and how we can prevent it and help if someone we know is being bullied.

This linked in well with the Gospel reading from Sunday, Matthew 25: 1-13, Through the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, children learn that Jesus teaches us not to literally 'stay awake', but to be prepared for the unknown time of His return by loving God and loving others.

How can we show our love for others?

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have spent the week finding out about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. We loved the story of Rama and Sita and the demon king with the ten heads. The children acted out the story in our role play Indian palace and enjoyed dressing up. They have made rangoli patterns and diva lamps. The reception children joined for an Indian banquet and we did some dancing to traditional Indian music. What a colourful, fun week.



Reception

This week was nursery rhyme week. Reception have lots of favourite nursery rhymes. We built a wall for Humpty Dumpty, we had cups of tea and teapots for I'm a Little Teapot, we went fishing for 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive and we built bridges for London Bridge is falling down.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week this week. We have almost finished the story of Little Red Reading Hood and can't wait to see how it ends! In Art and DT we created sliders of the Gingerbread man running away from different characters from the story. Our favourite characters were the dog, the cat, the girl, the boy and the fox. PE was so much fun this week, we were creating pirate dance moves and freestyling. On Friday it was Children in Need Day and we spent the day having lots of fun. We were talking about Pudsey Bear and got to finish the day off with some Ice cream from Austins!

Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about The Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire night on the 5th of November each year. The children immersed themselves in the story and all enjoyed retelling the story through drama. In Religion this week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies, following this the children created some lovely prayers for soldiers. We have also been looking at signs and symbols of Baptism and how we are welcomed into the church family.

**Congratulations to St Paul
WINNERS of this week's house
points award**



Year 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this week. In English, we began to explore a new setting and the children wrote beautiful descriptions using their knowledge of similes and noun phrase. In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction and used problem solving to calculate difficult mathematical questions. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have been working really hard this week. In English, we have been applying our knowledge of different ways of expanding noun phrases into our writing. In Maths, we have been learning about area. Additionally, our school took part in a Maths competition against five other schools in the area, and our class contributed the highest score towards supporting our school. I could not be prouder! In Science, we have been investigating how food and drinks affect our teeth which has resulted in very fascinating discoveries.

Year 6

We have had another jam packed week in Year 6. In writing, we looked at war poetry and used these to gather lots of ideas in order to write our own. The children have made a great start on these and I look forward to reading them all. In religion, we discussed the Sacrament of Ordination and will be interviewing Canon Michael to ask him what his experience was like. On Tuesday, we had our class mass and the children were reverent and respectful and they joined in with all the singing and readings. To round off the week, we took Year 6 to the Imperial War Museum on Thursday. We all had a great day learning lots of new information all about wars.

Year 5

Another busy week for Year 5. English lessons have been exciting as we met the witches from Shakespeare's Macbeth. The children considered the eerie setting and how best to describe the scene. Our science topic has been very interesting this week as we have explored the changing states of matter. The children enthusiastically explored how some changes are reversible and others irreversible and diligently recorded all they had discovered. They have enjoyed and shown great progress whilst learning teamwork skills in PE. In the Gospel this week Jesus told us to 'Stay awake' and 'Be ready.' He wants us to be ready to welcome Him. We have reflected on how we can be ready by living in God's way through our actions, words, choices and prayers.

Happy Birthday to....

Scarlett

Konrad

Arome

Tandi

Work of the Week

	Reception	Kai	
Year 1	Bezalel	Year 2	Asher
Year 3	Jensen	Year 4	Salomie
Year 5	Kyanna	Year 6	Charlie

This Week's School Attendance

NURSERY	91.5%	YEAR 3	91.7%
RECEPTION	90.9%	YEAR 4	93.8%
YEAR 1	91.9%	YEAR 5	95%
YEAR 2	95.5%	YEAR 6	95.5%
SCHOOL		93.3%	

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 20 th November	Road Safety Week
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 4 MOSI Trip
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7 th December	Year 6 Fusilier's Museum
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Christmas Show EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	2.30pm – School closes
Monday 8 th January	School opens for Spring 1 Half Term
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th February	Year 6 Lledr Hall Trip
Friday 16 th February	School closes for the Half Term Break at 3.30pm
Monday 26 th February	School opens for the Spring 2 Half Term