



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18 May 2012

On the Golden Table: Teagan (Rec), Shamus (Y2), Finnegan (Y1) & Tyler (Y4)

We still have a toaster in school which was left behind after the 'Good Shepherd Toasting Sessions'. If it is yours, please let the school office know or pop in and collect it. If not it will become the new staffroom toaster! Thank you.

A reminder that there will be no violin lesson next Tuesday.

First Holy Communion

On Saturday, 26 children received their Holy Communion. The children were very reverent and beautifully turned out. The children came back to church on Sunday with their families and received their certificates. I would like to thank Mrs Barton and Mrs Thornton for preparing the children's breakfast and also Mrs Burns, Mrs Orlandini, Mrs Gascoyne, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Roberts for preparing the tea and coffee and the lovely home baking. Mrs McGuinness, Mrs Hope & Mrs Skeoch would like to thank the parents for the beautiful flowers we received.

Building Fund— If you have not yet paid your Building Fund contribution for this academic year, please note that this money is now due (£15 per child or £30 per family for the year). Thank you.

Our Weekly 'Statement to Live By' next week is:

"I Try to Accept Forgiveness from Others"

We were highly delighted to receive a visit from our new Town Mayor earlier this week and even more delighted that her first official engagement was held here at St Joseph's where a Commemorative Jubilee Tree has been planted. Mrs Vickers is pictured here with two of our school council representatives.



Please note that next week will be the final session for KS1 Dodgeball.

Well done to all the children who took part in the football tournament on Wednesday, we hope the children enjoyed it. Thank you to all the people who came to support us. Well done to the Year 6 children who helped with the refereeing and keeping score.

Sunshine Awards This Week: Laura (Rec), Jasmine (Y1), Harvey (Y2), The Whole of Y3, Joel (Y4), Billie-May (Y5) & The Whole of Y6, Johnny, Sophie & Finley

Our Lady & All Saints Church

Mass Times

Saturday Morning: 10.00am, Saturday Evening Vigil:
6.30pm

Sunday Morning: 9.30am & 11.15am

There is also a weekday morning mass before school at
8.30am each morning except Tuesdays.

Please can I encourage parents to take their children to
mass on a regular basis and please note that the church
is open to parishioners all day long if to wish to spend a
few moments in quiet prayer or reflection.

Record Breakers! (Fingers crossed) - To coincide with the
arrival of the Olympic torch on British soil, today we partici-
pated in Big Dance, a national and potentially worldwide
world record attempt. At the time of writing this it is not yet
known whether the record has been broken, as all the evi-
dence needs to be verified but as soon as I know I will pass
on the (hopefully) good news! Everyone was fantastic and
the Olympic inspired routine looked amazing. Thank you to
Mrs Barton and Mrs Roberts for coming in to be our offi-
cial witnesses! It was much appreciated. Miss Davis

Academic Calendar 2012/2013

I can now confirm that 3 of the 5 Training Days for
next year have now been agreed as follows:

Monday 3rd September 2012

Monday 7th January 2013

Friday 24th May 2013

The remaining 2 Training Days will be advised as
soon as they are agreed. Thank you.

Golden Jubilee Lunch

If your child usually has a packed
lunch but would like to take part
in a Golden Jubilee School lunch
on the last day of term, please
order a meal with the school of-
fice by next Friday. The cost will
be £1.85 for Rec—Y4 and £1.90
for Y5 & 6.

It is Reception Class' turn to
lead assembly next Friday.
Please help the children to
learn their lines and we look
forward to seeing as many of
you there as possible. Thank
you, Mrs Dykes & Miss
Procter

Year 3—First Holy Communion—I'm afraid I really do just have to say it.....'I told you so'!! Last Saturday finally arrived after weeks and weeks of preparation, frenzy and occasional blind panic. Our children were magnificent: perfect behaviour, word-perfect reading, wonderful singing, very reverential attitudes and enormous smiles afterwards!!! For those of the St Joseph's family who are either in KS1 or have been living in a broom cupboard for the last few weeks, Saturday was the First Holy Communion for Year 3. We have been preparing for it for months and by the time we got to last Friday, one or two nerves were beginning to be noticeable. It is not always easy doing something very public for the first time but Yr 3 were really brave and showed they are made of stern stuff and can handle anything! We discovered how many friends we have when we thought about all the people who have helped to get Yr 3 through this most exciting time: Yr 4 deserve a huge 'thank you' for being so supportive and encouraging to Yr 3 to do their best, relax and enjoy the day; the many people from all classes in KS2 who came and sang in the choir to provide marvellous music for the Mass will be very blessed for the support they gave to the Mass; and the Mums who provided such an excellent breakfast afterwards for the children can bask in the warmth of praise they received for their huge kindness. Even the weather co-operated and the beautiful Spring day that I had requested arrived on time!!! So in these difficult times of recession and social discord, we can afford ourselves a very short but quite smug smile when we remember the marvellous times we have when we all pull together to benefit the St Joseph's family. A wonderful day all round! Mrs Heatley

This week in Year 1 we have started to look at non-fiction texts. We have been practising writing sentences in an appropriate tone to give information and have started to find out information about the Queen to begin to write our own non-fiction pages. We discovered we were already very knowledgeable about the Queen. We have revisited our 2d and 3d shapes and are much more focussed on their distinct properties using words such as side, edge, face, curved and straight. In Science we have started to investigate what plants need to stay alive and will then compare this to what we need. This week we made our predictions about what we think will happen to the different cress seeds. We produced some lovely pictures to show our interpretations from listening to Chariots of Fire. Following this we produced our own class composition to represent a running race. Miss Davis

Last week Year 4 enjoyed a super day out at Magna, the old steel works turned Science Adventure Centre, near Rotherham. We visited the four pavilions of fire, water, air and earth and took part in a forensic science workshop where we were involved in solving a murder! The visit was very educational and also a lot of fun for children and adults alike.



There was a surprise result last Friday as the Year 5 boys beat the Year 6 boys 2-1 in a friendly match. The Year 6 children have told me that they should have had another goal which I didn't allow as I wasn't sure it crossed the line!!! I think maybe I'll have to see if we can get some goal line technology installed for next year!!! I would like to congratulate all children who took part for the high standard of football but more importantly for the attitude in which they all played. It was a pleasure to referee the game and I think a lot of Premiership players could learn a lot about Sportsmanship from our footballers so a HUGE WELL DONE to both teams! Thank you to everyone who came to watch. Mrs Harvey.

In Year 2, we have been busy writing reports about Olympic sports. We have been trying to remember to include: an introduction, sub-headings, lots of facts, interesting ways of starting our sentences and connectives. In Science we have been looking at materials. We have made collages from natural materials (thank you for all the wonderful things the children brought in) and last week we enjoyed seeing what happened to different materials when we squashed, twisted, stretched or bent different materials.

SPONSORED SKYDIVE—KIERAN BENTHAM

Parent governor Kieran Bentham is doing a sponsored skydive on behalf of local cancer charity, St Michaels Hospice, on Thursday 31st May. Any sponsorship, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. You can fill in a sponsorship form at the school office or visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Vistage24> to make a donation

Please note that as part of the Diocesan preparations for, and celebration of, the forthcoming Year of Faith, a designated website has been launched: www.leedsyearoffaith.co.uk

DIOCESE OF LEEDS - FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH:

A Course of Catholic Faith Formation for teachers, catechists and anyone interested in incorporating the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS).

The next course begins at Hinsley Hall in September 2012.

For further information contact the administrator on 0113 261 8040 or evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Or download an information pack from the website - www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/evangelisation

PLEASE NOTE THAT
THERE WILL BE NO Y3
SWIMMING NEXT
WEEK—FRIDAY 25TH
MAY.

DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Tues 22nd May	4.00—5.30pm	Girls 5 A-side Football @ Pool
Wed 23rd May	4.00—5.30pm	Y5 Boys 5 A-side Football @ Pool
Thurs 24th May	4.00—5.30pm	Y6 Boys 5 A-side Football @ Pool
Fri 25th May	9.10am	Reception Assembly
Tues 29th May	2.00pm	New Reception Parents Meeting
Thurs 31th May	9.30am	Y3 Class Mass
Thurs 31st May	9.15—3.00pm	Reception Visit to Cannon Hall Farm
Fri 1st June	9.10am	Y6 Assembly
Fri 1st June	3.15pm	School Closes for Half Term
Mon 11th June	8.55am	School Restarts
Tues 12th June	9.30—11.30am	Y3 @ Leeds Trinity Concert Rehearsal
Wed 13 June	7.00pm	Y3 @ Leeds Trinity Concert
Thurs 14th June	9.00—3.00pm	Artforms Strings Day @ West Park
Thurs 14th June	6.30pm	Road Safety Quiz
Fri 15th June	9.10am	Y1 Assembly
Fri 15th June		Fathers Day Stall
Sat 16th June		Otley Carnival
Thurs 21st June	9.30am	Y5 Class Mass
Thurs 21st June	TBC	Y2 & Y3 Visit to Eureka
Thurs 21st June	TBC	Y4 Cricket Tournament @ Ilkley CC
Fri 22nd June	9.10am	Y3 Assembly
Tues 26th June	9.30am	Y4 Class Mass
Thurs 28th June	9.30am	KS1 Mass in Church
Mon 2nd July	TBC	Y6 Deanery Day @ Leeds Trinity
Thurs 5th July	7.00pm	Information Evening @ SMM for Y6 Parents
Thurs 5th July	All Day	Y4 Cricket Festival @ Old Mods CC
Fri 6th July	1.15pm	Sports Day
Fri 13th July	1.15pm	Reserve Sports Day
Sat 14th July	TBC	Summer Family Fun Day
Tues 17th July	1.30pm & 7.00pm	Y5/6 Performance
Wed 18th July	7.00pm	Y6 Leavers Mass
Thurs 19th July	6.30—8.30pm	Y6 Leavers Party
Fri 20th July	11.00am	Family Mass & Picnic
Fri 20th July		Finish for Summer Holiday
Mon 23rd July		Training Day