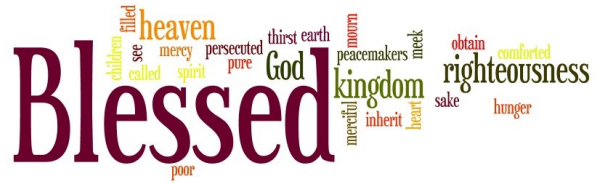


St Joseph's RC Primary, Coundon Newsletter

September 2018



Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to St Joseph's! The children have settled back into school and have made a very positive start to the new term. Our new starters have settled into school really well and we look forward to the year ahead together! We are happy to welcome Miss Wringe as our new Apprentice. We wish everyone the best of luck!

MacMillan Coffee Day

At this time of year, our Y6s like to hold a coffee afternoon in aid of MacMillan Cancer. This year's assembly and coffee afternoon will both take place in the school hall from 1.30pm on Friday 28th September 2018. Please come along and support this event in school. Everyone is welcome.

We invite all the children (and their families...) to wear something green in support of the day with a suggested donation of 50p. We thank you in advance for your generosity for this great cause.



Christmas Performances

Now normally I don't allow myself to use the Christmas word until at least November but I wanted to let you know about a few changes we have decided to make this year. As we have Nursery provision all day now we will hold a separate Early Years Christmas performance which will include all the children in the Nursery and Reception class. The children in Miss McGough's, Miss White's and Mrs Davidson's classes will perform a joint Christmas play. The children in Y6 will not perform in this, instead they will lead us in our Christmas service and perform a spectacle in the summer term. All the dates are overleaf.

Reading Revolution

Since introducing Accelerated Reader last year we have seen a reading revolution at St Joseph's. The children are working their way through the school library and accessing the online quizzes— many children have made excellent progress and have shown great attitude towards their reading. Our Friends of the school have contributed very generously to funding additional books and chrome books. We are continuing to encourage the children to read as widely as possible.

As in previous years we are going to hold a "Most Improved Reader" competition throughout the Autumn term. Teachers will be looking for children who are practising and working hard on their reading both at home and at school. Children will be nominated by their teachers and then the winner will receive a Kindle Fire just in time for Christmas! Parents can help by encouraging and listening to their child read daily, this can be books from school or from the local library/ home collection. Please note down in the reading record what has been read and sign the record. All children can participate. We hope you and your child are inspired to become bookworms with us again this year!



Meet the teacher...

We invite parents to come into school to meet their children's teachers and find out what the children will be covering this year. This is a great chance for you to find out about the year ahead and ask any questions you may have. Sessions will be take place in each teacher's classroom. Mrs Dennis will hold her meeting on Tuesday 11th September from 3.30-4.30pm. All other teachers will hold their meetings on Wednesday 12th September 3.30-5pm. We look forward to seeing you then!

Dates for your diary...

Event	Date, Time & Venue
Whole school mass	Thursday 6th September
Miss White's class swimming begins	FRIDAY (please note change of day) 7th September
Meet the teacher Open evenings	Tuesday 11th September (Y6 only) Wednesday 12th (other classes)
MacMillan Coffee Afternoon– Mrs Dennis' class	Friday 28th September 1.30pm
CAFOD Non Uniform Day (suggested donation £1)	Friday 5th October
Harvest Festival– Mrs Davidson's class	Friday 12th October Assembly at 2.30pm
Nurse– Flu Vaccination (info to follow from nurse)	Monday 29th October
NSPCC "Speak out and stay safe" Day	Wednesday 31st October (£1 suggested donation to NSPCC)
Parents' Night	Wednesday 31st October 3.3-6pm (appointments to follow)
History Week: Miss White's class Assembly	Friday 9th November 2.30pm
Y6 at Robin Wood	Monday 12th November to Wednesday 14th November
Hoodie Day– Miss McGough's class Assembly 2.30pm	Friday 23rd November (£1 suggested donation to Diocese)
Christmas fayre	Friday 30th November 2pm
Christmas EYFS performances (Mrs Stevenson and Miss Billingham's class)	Thursday 6th December 10am and 1.30pm
Christmas Play performances (Miss McGough, Miss White and Mrs Davidson)	Tuesday 11th December 10am and 1.30pm
Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner	Wednesday 12th December
Creative crafts Parents session– all classes (info to follow)	Thursday 13th December 1.30pm
Christmas Parties in classes (afternoon)	Wednesday 19th December
Christmas service in church (TBC)	Friday 21st December 2pm (TBC)
Parents' Night Spring term	Wednesday 6th March 2019
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March 2019
Autism Awareness Day– Bad Hair Day	Tuesday 2nd April 2019
Y6 SATs week (please avoid holidays)	13th May 2019
Y2 SATs period (please avoid holidays)	May 2019
School Photographer	22nd May 2019
Race for Life	24th May 2019
Y1 Phonics screening week (please avoid holidays)	10th June 2019
Summer fayre	28th June 2019
Healthy Week with Sports Day	W/B 1st July: Sports Day Friday 5th July 2019 1.30pm
Seaside Visit	4th July 2019
Leavers' Spectacle	17th July 2019 1.30pm
Leavers' Mass TBC	18th July 2019 9.30am TBC

We will inform you of other dates as they are arranged in school. Please look out for class newsletters that teachers will be sending out each term.

Follow us on Facebook by requesting "Joseph Coundon" or search for the group "St Joseph's RCVA Primary, Coundon". Any queries please see Mrs M Brown.