



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: January 25th 2016

Next Newsletter: February 1st 2016

Newsletter update

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we will be trialling a weekly newsletter and would appreciate your feedback on this.



Year of Mercy

This week we are introducing to the children the Year of Mercy. Each child will be sent home with a special prayer card – please find some time at home to pray together.

This leads on beautifully from our focus on St. John as the quote on the prayer card is from John's Gospel 13:34 'Love one another, just as I have loved you.'

The children in the School Council and Spiritual Life Committee will meet this week to discuss which charity we will raise money for during Lent – this will be part of our focus on the Year of Mercy.

Information Session for Parents

On Tuesday 2nd February at 2.45pm there will be a meeting for parents and carers on the new system of assessing without levels. This will be most informative for parents of children throughout the school. We will share with you the new system of assessment we have and also inform you of the changes at the end of KS1 and KS2 and how this will be reported to parents. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this meeting.

Events for this week

Childline

An assembly has been organised this week which will be led by Childline. Later in the week each class will also have a workshop on how to keep safe.

Wednesday 27th January

Trinity Laban Music Workshops have been organised for Years 4 and 5. The children will enjoy playing a variety of Musical instruments in the session.

Thursday

Year 5 Class Assembly will start at 3pm promptly. All parents are welcome. Please ensure you arrive before 3pm as the assembly will begin on time; we cannot keep the children waiting.

Parents Association

In the past we have had a Parents Association who have organised events for the children and their families and also supported fund raising for the school.

It has been suggested that this may be something we could introduce back into the school. Therefore at this point we wanted to raise the idea to see who might be interested. In next week's newsletter we will let you know what the next step towards this might be.

Save the Date

Here are some dates you might like to make a note of (details will follow).

Class assembly dates - Thursdays at 3pm

4th February – Year 3

11th February – Year 1

3rd March – Year 4

10th March – Reception Class

**Wednesday 10th February – Parents Evening
3.30-6pm**



Celebrating Success



Bronze Healthy Schools Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have just been awarded the Bronze Healthy Schools Award. This reflects many aspects of the daily life of the school including lunchtime arrangements, PSHE lessons, Walk on Wednesday scheme, varied PE and Sports opportunities and also the active Pupil Voice established in school.

EYFS

We are delighted that the full-time Nursery children have settled in well. They are particularly enjoying lunchtime where they have tasted new foods and played outside with the Reception children.

Children in Reception class have been using their phonic skills to write amazing sentences. They have been very helpful with the Nursery full-time children at lunchtime.

KS1

On Thursday 21st January our Year 2 children performed their class assembly to children and parents. The theme for the assembly was concentration, which is linked to our whole school focus on the 'love of learning'. The assembly was a wonderful celebration of how we can become more effective learners and everyone enjoyed the singing.

Sadie from Year 5 reported, 'I enjoyed Year 2's assembly because it showed that they really care about their learning. They taught us different ways to concentrate, they even sung a hip-hop song about staying focused.'



KS2

On Friday 15th January our Key Stage 2 children took part in St. John's Ambulance First Aid training.

Here is a report from Naomi in Year 6:

The first aid training was not only interesting but it was also very useful. We talked about what causes most accidents in the home. It surprised me because I didn't realise there were so many accidents caused by toys being left out, for people to trip over. We watched a video about what to do in an incident that could happen every day. We tried out the drill on our own patients (our classmates). The man who came in answered all of our questions and explained it to us in a way we could understand. So, the first aid workshop was excellent and it taught us life skills for dealing with emergencies!"

Attendance – January

Year 6 – 93.6%

Year 5 – 96.7%

Year 4 – 93.5%

Year 3 – 89.6%

Year 2 – 91.6%

Year 1 – 93.9%

Reception – 92.3%

WELL DONE YEAR 5!