



## St John's Catholic Primary School



### Newsletter: February 29th 2016

Next Newsletter: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016



### Book Week

Book Week for the whole school will be launched on World Book Day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and continue until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This week will celebrate the pleasure of reading and there will be many activities taking place.

### Sponsored Read

The children will be taking part in a sponsored read organised by Osbourne Books and the forms will be sent home this week. Please support your child in reading every evening and in getting some sponsors. Please sign the sheet every day to verify your child has read. The children will be raising money for books for school, but will also receive a voucher to spend on books for themselves. There will be an Osbourne Representative available after school on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** to help you and your child to spend their voucher. Vouchers can also be spent on-line and details of this will be attached to your child's voucher.

### Dressing Up as a Book Character

Children will be invited to take part in a day where they **can come to school dressed as a book character on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. The children will take part in a whole school writing workshop where they will write in character. **Please ensure your child is dressed as a book character and if they can bring the book in as well this would be great!**

### Reading Questionnaire

We will be distributing a questionnaire on reading at home, as part of our focus to develop the love of reading and to measure the impact of this. Questionnaires will be given to a random selection of children in Years 4,5 and 6. If your child brings one home we would be very grateful if you could put some time aside to complete it.



### Parents' Association Meeting

In the past there has been a Parents' Association who have organised events for the children and their families and also supported fund raising for the school.

There has been an interest in creating a new Parents' Association from a number of parents and carers. Therefore we have organised a preliminary Coffee Morning for those parents who might be interested in this. The date for this meeting is **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am** in the Playcentre and all interested parents/carers are welcome.

### Events for this week

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm** – We have organised an e-safety Information Meeting for parents and carers. It will be most informative as we have an expert outside speaker.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception Class Assembly. All parents are welcome to attend at 3pm. Please arrive promptly as we cannot keep the children waiting.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 trip to Burgess Park (BMX Track)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Bench ball Competition at Bacons' College

### Date for the Diary

**24<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Hat Parade  
Theme: Love of Reading/Books



## Celebrating Success



Last week the children experienced a Chinese Culture Demonstration as part of Chinese New Year. It was an amazing show of singing, dancing and martial arts.  
**EYFS**



Here are some children in Reception class using their reading, writing and designing skills on the building site in the outdoor classroom. They are exploring the theme of 'Houses and Homes' and are working together to make a variety of buildings using different construction materials.

### KS1

**Congratulations to Olive** in Year 2, who is the first child to come forward independently and ask for her report to be included in the Newsletter. Olive enjoys Music lessons with Mrs. Sinfield who teaches Music every Monday. Olive has written a report on her Music lesson last week, which she really enjoyed.

"It was a wonderful time at Piano Lessons. Me and Mrs. Sinfield played a song called 'Moon and Stars' on the piano. It was great."



**Mrs. O'Connor's Maths group** were learning about bar charts this week. They measured their hand span to the nearest centimetre using a ruler and collected the results in a table. Then they created bar charts using this information. Their work was so FANTASTIC that they decided to put it up on display. Jessica said, "I love to see my work on the wall because it means I did good work, so I am proud of that". Angel agreed and said, "I thought this lesson was fun because we got to measure our hands and put our bar charts on display!"

### KS2

Children have been enjoying learning some basic French, practising their conversation and pronunciation skills and learning songs to help them remember the vocabulary.

## Attendance

Reception 95 %  
Year 1 98.2 %  
Year 2 97.1 %  
Year 3 95.9 %  
Year 4 94.8 %  
Year 5 98.0 %  
Year 6 96.7 %

**Well done Year 1!**