

# Newsletter



Our Lady + St Joseph  
Catholic Academy

*'With grace and humility, glorify the Lord by your life'*

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

## Our Catholic Mission

Father Simon has returned from his holiday and we look forward to celebrating our first Mass this term on Wednesday at 11.00am. This will be led by our Year 5 children. You are welcome to join us.

## Parish Mass/Children's Liturgy

The parish newsletter or website [www.ourladyoftheangels.co.uk](http://www.ourladyoftheangels.co.uk) contains information about masses and other church notices.

Mass Times: 6.00pm Saturday

9.15am Sunday (with children's liturgy)

11.00am Sunday

## Social Action: Charitable Giving

Remember our reverse Advent Calendar, please see their thank you letter attached.



# Thank you all so much

## 591.1kgs

The Nuneaton Foodbank gratefully acknowledges this wonderfully helpful donation of food from pupils, parents and friends of Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Nuneaton



Thank you all very much indeed for your gifts to support those in need in the Nuneaton area  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## News from Year 1

There was great excitement in Key Stage 1 on Tuesday afternoon as we had a pilot in to speak to us. Our topic before Christmas was 'Flight' and Molly Beniston's uncle, Austin Magee, is a pilot with Aer Lingus. He flew over from Dublin on Tuesday morning especially to see us. He wore his uniform and explained how hard he had to work at school to become a pilot! We all thought about questions we could ask him, for example, *Where was your first flight? How many buttons are on the control panel?* We learnt lots of interesting facts about flying and aeroplanes. Some of us were lucky enough to try on his jacket and hat.



## Upcoming events...

### Keeping safe...Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February it is online internet safety day. All the classes will be exploring some aspect of this area and sharing their work with their peers. There will be some useful information shared with parents in the upper school hall at 2.45pm. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

### Year 6 – SATS Preparation Meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 6pm

There will be a short meeting on Wednesday at 6pm for all parents of Year 6 children about the upcoming SATs testing in May. We have support material to supplement our booster session which will be shared and explained at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. This meeting is for parents/carers and it is not necessary for the children to attend.

### Hopes & Dreams – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2-3pm

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2- 3pm, we will be holding our annual Hopes and Dreams afternoon. All you need to do is arrive at school using, **our main school entrance**, and you will be able to get your child from their class and make your way to one of our halls. Your child will then share their books with you so you can celebrate their learning progress and there will be short activity for you to complete with your child about your shared hopes and dreams for the future. Reception parents will go straight to the Reception unit where the staff will welcome you, and you can stay with your child. We hope you can make it. You will be able to take your child home when you have finished, but please sign them out at reception. **This event will finish promptly at 3pm**, to ensure that we can open the school gates, ready for the end of day.

### Attendance:

Whole school attendance stands at 97.1%.

Upper school winners this week are Barlow with 99.29%.

Lower school winners this week are Mayne with 99.44%

Well done to both classes.

*It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters. Epictetus*

Sara Chapman  
Principal

Please check dates below – a change to Plessington & Campion’s assemblies

# Spring Term Dates

Date	What’s Happening? Highlighted – parents can attend
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Mass led by Year 5
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Celebration Assembly Campion ( Miss Clarke’s) @ 9.20am Rigby (Mr. Wynne’s class)- 2.45pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day 2.45pm; Parent Information – 2.45pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 SATs PARENTS Meeting – Upper School Hall –6pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Hopes and Dreams Afternoon ( More details to follow)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Power Week Assembly led by STM pupils – Kenya – Non Uniform day for this Charity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Mass led by Year 4
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Enterprise Day Break up for half term
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children back to school World Faith Week
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Faith Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday... pancakes for the whole school!
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Ash Wednesday Liturgy World Maths Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Charities: Cake Sale – Year 6 & Year 1 Celebration Assembly led by: Plessington (Miss Martin’s class) – 9.20am Barlow @ 2.45pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay & Pray 9am ( More details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Charities: Cake Sale – Year 4 & Nursery
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Mass led by Year 2 – St Joseph’s feast Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Stay & Pray 3pm ( More details to follow)
	Lenten Charities: Cake Sale – Year 3 & Reception Celebration Assembly led by: Arrowsmith @ 9.20am Lawrence @ 2.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay & Pray 9am ( More details to follow)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Afternoon Tea – pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Afternoon Tea –pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	First Confessions followed by School Confession Easter Disco
	Lenten Charities: Cake Sale – Year 5 & 2 Stay & Pray – 3pm MAC Festival of Arts
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School Holy Week – Vocations week

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	House Netball
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Mass led by Year 3 Parents Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross Home Learning reward – Easter Egg Hunt End of term
15 <sup>th</sup> April – 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Confirmation

# **PE DAYS**

Your child will need their PE kit on the following days...

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Days</b>
Campion	Friday
Plessington	Friday
Arrowsmith	Friday
Briant	Monday / Thursday
Mayne	Monday/Tuesday
Clitherow	Monday/Tuesday
Garnet	Monday / Thursday
Kemble	Thursday / Friday
Lawrence	Monday / Tuesday
Barlow	Monday / Tuesday
Rigby	Thursday /Friday
Houghton	Thursday / Friday
Howard	Monday/Tuesday
Ward	Monday/Tuesday
Southwell	Monday / Wednesday
Walpole	Friday/ Wednesday

# Guidance from the DfE on Leave during Term Time

## Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as ‘exceptional’ and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the ‘resident’ parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council’s Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.