

Newsletter



Our Lady + St Joseph Catholic Academy

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

19th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Our Catholic Mission

Father Simon came over to see us this week after his short break, and the Mass times for this term have been confirmed. There is a change of date for First Confessions, and a new date for First Holy Communion meeting/service has been added for the 28th February. If you have a child who you wish to make their First Confessions and First Holy Communion this year, this will be the opportunity to make those steps to join together with the Parish and the school to support your child on their faith journey. More details of this will follow.

The prayer for the month for January in school is the 'Gloria'. You may want to include this in your family prayers at home.

'Thank you for all my beautiful friends, Amen' – Hanna Rybarczyk – Barlow

Parish Mass/Children's Liturgy

The parish newsletter or website 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

Star Workers

Mrs Slinn & Mrs O'Brien-Sylena Haycock-Singh & Isabella Bowerman

Miss Clarke-Charlie Bull & Lena Sobolewska

Miss Martin-Libby Booton & Marianna Staniszevska

Mrs Plow-Vince Smith & Benita Philip

Mrs Wroe-Elias Cauchi & Marianna Scopel

Mrs Case & Mrs Davenport-Ava Williams & Kajetan Drobik

Miss Morrow-Colton Glass & Emily Gobikishna

Mrs Greenway- Tommy Malkin and Natalie Peron

Miss White-Maksymilian Gad & Charlotte Smith

Miss Neal-Ben Kelly & Jakub Lukas

Miss Campbell-Kyan Dalton & Amelie Bolesta

Mrs Nagi-Eleanor Smith & Alfie Turrall

Mrs Murphy & Mrs Horgan-Evie Holt & Ryan Mulligan

Mr Dance-Jacob Wheeler & Leanza Alex

Miss Davenport-Joshua Salt & Dale Siriboonrod

Miss Glenn-Joshua John & James Wright

Miss Savage-Konnie Stapleton & Tommy Gray

Principal's Award -Kelsey Dalton & Olivia Finch

Year 6 – Keep calm... It is only SATs!

Thank you to all those families that attended the meeting on Wednesday. For those parents who could not make it, a pack will have been sent home with your child, with additional resources to help support the children for the upcoming tests in May. Some children will have also received a letter, if they are attending booster sessions for either English, Maths or both. These boosters are targeted at children that need this intervention and they will start next week in the mornings at 8.00am.

Targets & Curriculum Information

Your child's targets and curriculum information will be sent home today. Targets are intended to give a slight indication of the skills your child can focus on when they are learning at home or anywhere else. Similarly, the curriculum information gives your child some ideas about the kind of things they might like to do at home to develop their key skills or to learn more about a particular topic.

Dropping off KS2 Children..

In the mornings, children in the upper school are to be dropped at the gate of the KS2 playground. Teachers are on duty so the children are supervised. Apart from keeping all our children safe at this time, it also gives them an opportunity to build independence and develop relationships with their peers. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to your class teacher or the SLT team. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking

REMINDER... Please remember that parents are not permitted to park along the road towards the Church or outside the upper school playground gates. Doing so compromises the children's safety and could result in a parking ticket being issued by the police. Also can we ensure that when we park, it shows thought and safety to others; unfortunately this week, one parent was blocked in due to inconsiderate parking. Please think about others when you park!

Nursery Superstars!

A huge well done to our fabulous nursery new starters and those children returning to nursery this school year! Everyone has settled in brilliantly and we are very proud! The children have been very busy this week investigating the changes made to chocolate when heated. They then made chocolate crispy cakes – Yum Yum.

If your child is Catholic and is starting school this September and has applied for a place at our school, please could you bring a copy of their Baptismal certificate into the upper school office.

Attendance:

Please see the attached reminder for Leave of Absence during term time.

Whole school attendance for the week ending 19th January 2018 is 96%. Our target is 96.5%.

The Lower School attendance winners for the second week running are Garnet with a fabulous 99.33%.

Very well done Garnet!

The Upper School attendance winners this week are Howard, with a fantastic 98.29%.

Dates List

There are some **additions/changes** – please check below.

Thought for the week

'In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can. Nikos Kazantzakis

Sara Chapman
Principal

Spring Term Dates

Date	What's Happening?
Friday 19 th January	Curriculum Overview & Targets out to Parents Celebration Assembly Mayne and Houghton
Monday 22 nd January	Indoor Athletics – Y6
Monday 29 th January	Good Shepherd Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	Hope and Dreams afternoon (More details to follow) Singing Playgrounds – Song Leader Training (More details to follow)
Monday 5 th February	KS1 Indoor Athletics
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Mass at Church led by Year 5 – 11.00am
Friday 9 th February	Celebration Assembly Briant and Ward
Monday 12 th February	Power Week
Tuesday 13 th February	Shrove Tuesday... pancakes for the whole school! House Football
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday Service @ 11.00am
Thursday 15 th February	HOUSE Cross Country
Friday 16 th February	Enterprise Day Break up for half term
Monday 19th– 23rd Feb	Half Term
Monday 26 th February	Children back to school
Tuesday 27 th February	Stay & Pray 3pm (More details to follow)
Wednesday 28th February	Sacramental Preparation meeting & Service in Church – 6pm – Year 3 children making First Confession & First Holy Communion
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	Cake Sale – Year 6 & Year 1 Celebration Assembly led by: Campion @ 9.20am Rigby@ 2.45pm
Wednesday 7 th March	World Maths Day Whole School Mass led by Year 2 @11.00am
Thursday 8 th March	Stay & Pray 9am (More details to follow)
Friday 9 th March	Cake Sale – Year 5 & Year 2
Monday 12 th March	Dementia Week
Tuesday 13 th March	Stay & Pray 9am (More details to follow)
Friday 16 th March	Cake Sale – Year 4 & Nursery Celebration Assembly led by: Plessington @ 9.20am Barlow@ 2.45pm Home learning – Lenten Cross
Monday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Tuesday 20th March	First Confessions followed by School Confession
Wednesday 21 st March	Whole School Mass led by Year 1 @11.00am
Thursday 22 nd March	Stay & Pray 3pm (More details to follow) School Disco

Friday 23 rd March	Cake Sale – Year 3 & Reception
Monday 26 th March	Holy Week Singing Playgrounds Performance at Civic Hall 6-7pm (More details to follow)
Tuesday 27 th March	House Netball
Thursday 29 th March	Stations of the Cross followed by Cross exhibition Home Learning reward – Easter Egg Hunt End of term
30 th March – 15 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	Children return to school
Tuesday 17 th April	Parents Eve – (All school apart from Houghton)
Wednesday 18 th April	Parents Eve – All School
Thursday 19 th April	Parents Eve – Houghton class
Saturday 12 th May	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 th June	Confirmation

PE DAYS

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

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

Guidance from the DfE on Leave during Term Time

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority