

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Head Teacher's Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

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### Statement of the Week

I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.

### Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all of the donations of non perishables last week. The sisters were overwhelmed with the amount we had managed to assemble in such a short time and will be keeping our families in their prayers over Easter! Thank you to everyone for their generosity at such short notice. Mrs Tate kindly delivered the supplies to the sisters so it can now be distributed to those in need.

### Mary's Meals

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Mary's Meals during our wear blue day on Monday. Our Mini Vinnies lead a whole school assembly on Monday morning sharing the work of Mary's Meals and how we can help support children overseas to ensure they have access to a meal a day. The total raised on Monday was £182.60.

### Mini Vinnies Sponsored Walk – Mary's Meals

The Mini Vinnies sponsored walk in aid of Mary's Meals takes place next Wednesday. If you would like to sponsor the Mini Vinnies, please send your money to the school office. Many of the Mini Vinnies have already smashed their individual targets of £13.90 which is enough to feed a child for a year! Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

### Family Mass – St Joseph's Day

There was a great turn out for family mass last Sunday! It was lovely to see so many families in church together. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of those children who read, played instruments, brought the offertory gifts and helped with the collection. We also thank Matthew Lambert and Hugo Holland who played the organ so beautifully. The next family mass will be held in the Summer term.

### Vacancies

We have two temporary teaching positions starting from September 2017 to cover Mrs Hemming's and Mrs Leadbeater's maternity leave. Due to Mrs Ward's successful promotion from assistant head teacher to deputy head teacher, we also have an assistant head teacher vacancy. These vacancies are now live on our website.

### Attendance

#### Average Attendance Figure

13<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

FS2	97.3%
Y1	94.6%
Y2	98.7%
Y3	95.7%
Y4	97.7%
Y5	97.2%
Y6	98.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

Our overall attendance from September is 96.8%, we are trying to reach 97%

### Oliver Twist Production

Next Thursday morning Years 1 – year 6 will enjoy a performance of Oliver Twist. This will celebrate the end of a week of Oliver Twist themed lessons and it is sure to be a great day! Thank you to all who have sent in their contributions which helps us to continue to provide such a rich and varied curriculum.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3

This Saturday at 11am our year 3 children will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church. We ask that the year 3 pupils meet in the church hall at 10:45am.

### Robin Wood – Year 5

On Monday our year 5 children set off to Robin Wood on their school trip! They had a wonderful time and I am very proud to say that the staff at Robin Wood were so impressed with their excellent behaviour, impeccable manners and positive attitudes! Year 5

certainly represented our school very well!

### Next Week: The Good Shepherd Appeal

This year there will not be a collection from Catholic Care using the Smartie tubes but there will be a collection for The Good Shepherd Appeal in the final week of this half term. We appreciate that there has been a number of collections recently and thank you for your donations, especially during Lent when we make an extra special effort to give to those in need.

**Next week there will be no Golden Book Assembly on Thursday.** Instead, we will be singing some of our Easter songs, be listening to some readings and sharing the winners of the art competition we are having in school next week. There will also be the FOSJ raffle draw. We will be meeting in the school hall for this at 2:40pm. All welcome!

**School closes for Easter next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3:15pm. We are back at school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and start the summer term with a Languages Themed Week!**

### Important Dates

**This Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 11am Y3**  
Reconciliation

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Mini Vinnies Sponsored Walk for Mary's Meals

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March (am)**  
Year 1 – year 6 production of Oliver Twist in school

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 11:30am** First Holy Communion

### FOSJ Upcoming Events

**Family Night Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Please look out for more information about the FOSJ Family Night! We are hoping that as many of our families can attend a night which is sure to be filled with fun and fundraising!!**