



NEWSLETTER NO. 4

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Headteacher Mission Statement

At the whole school assembly today we presented the Headteacher Mission award certificate to the following pupils who have been actively living out our school mission statement:

Cedar

Olivia Belltall-Tran

For being a super role model to everyone in Cedar class, especially the Year 1 children.

Ava Jarrett-Morris

For smiling every single day, especially during our class prayer times.

Elm

Elsie Gregory

For always being so kind, caring and helpful to her friends as well as members of staff in our class.

Mikolaj Wasilik

For consistently trying his best in all areas of his learning and demonstrating a mature positive attitude when working with his peers.

Fir

Harry Caro

For his gentle and friendly nature. He tries his best in all that he does.

Isabel Madin

For being a good friend and an excellent role model to other children.

Hazel

Angus Vyvyan

For living our mission statement in all he does. Angus is a great learning partner and a role model to his peers.

Freya Hadnutt

For showing love, care and respect to her peers in all she does.

Maple

Finley Jarrett Morris

For his resilient attitude towards learning across the curriculum.

Emily Wright

For her impeccable manners and willingness to help around the classroom.

Oak

Yana Danko

For being such a great learning partner. For always doing her best while supporting others around her.

Ethan May

For always working well with others and using his enthusiasm to motivate those around him.

Pine

Olivia Hood

For the enthusiasm and commitment she shows to all aspects of her learning and towards all members of Pine class.

Gabriel Brault

For always being a good friend, leader and role model to all of Pine class.

Sycamore

Kiera Hourihan

For her kind helpful nature and her endless positivity towards all aspects of her learning.

Ava Warren

For living out our mission statement everyday through her words, actions, work and her relationships with others. A great role model.

Willow

Cloideach Gallagher

For her excellent behaviour and impeccable manners. She is a great role-model for others.

Eva Carey

For her caring and helpful nature. She always gives her best and has a fantastic attitude to school life.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending parent consultations over the last two weeks and for completing our survey. We will provide feedback from the survey before the end of term but flicking through, there are lots of positives and good suggestions to reflect on.

Safeguarding – NSPCC Talk Pants and staying safe

Knowing what to say and starting a simple conversation with your child is never easy, but it is worth sharing with you the links to the NSPCC's guidance on staying safe from sexual abuse. In school we have in the past as part of our PSHE taught children about the PANTS rule but you might want to take a moment in half term to undertake a conversation with your child. The information is suitable for pupils in primary school between 4-11. The parental guidance pdf is attached with this newsletter.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Thirty Hours Childcare

Hertfordshire have asked us to remind parents that working families may have the opportunity to get up to 30 hours free childcare each week for Nursery aged children. Eligibility codes have to be received by 31st December to be able to start in January 2018.

For more information and check if you are eligible please go to:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents

October the month of Mary

Once again we had over 90 pupils in KS1 and KS2 praying the rosary during Friday lunchtimes in October. Today was our last session and it was great to overhear two Year 6 pupils saying how they dedicated the prayers to their mums.

YOUR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone for their baked donations in the cake sale. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped plate up and sell at the end of the day. Your efforts make a huge difference.

School Disco

The new DJ proved a huge success with the children who said they loved the playlist. The total is yet to be counted.

Christmas Fayre

Plans are afoot for the fayre on December 1st. Volunteers who could offer some time to look after stalls in a timeslot or help set up and clear away would be hugely appreciated. If you think you can help please contact Samantha Soames on the email address below or ask her on the playground.

Quiz Night

Around £800 was made at the quiz night on October 7th, with teams battling it out to be esteemed winners! The teachers table 'Live for the Half-Termers' took the trophy.

Events

Please make a note of upcoming events scheduled:

School Association AGM - Tuesday, 21st November

Christmas Fayre - Friday, 1st December

Get in touch

As always, if you want to help out at an event, or have any ideas you would like to share please email us at stjosephsschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk

Poppy Day

Please support our poppy appeal!! The British Legion has delivered poppies to us and they will be on sale as soon as we return after half term. Please send your children in with their pennies.

Thank you

Bags to School

Our next collection is 9am Thursday, 2nd November. Collection bags are being sent home but any large plastic bag can be used. Bags can be left in the bike shed from Monday, 30th October. Please do not leave bags after 9am on 2nd November as they will miss the van and we are not able to store them until the next collection.

100 Club

The winners of the latest draw for the School Association 100 club were :

First prize - £25 –Zuzana Standish
Second prize - £15 – Charlotte Saunders
Third prize - £10 - Christine Forbes
Congratulations!

Sports

A great start to the season for our Year 5 and 6 football teams. We have had a few difficult games so far, but we have achieved some impressive results including a nail-biting 5-5 draw! Well done to all of the players!

Communication you may have missed over the last two weeks sent via Schoolcomms:

Christmas Fayre and New Dinner menu.

Prayer to Our Lady in Time of Trouble

Holy Virgin Mary, you are reigning in glory, with Jesus, your Son.
Remember us in our sadness. Look kindly on all who are suffering
or fighting against any difficulty.

Have pity on those who are separated from someone they love.

Have pity on the loneliness of our hearts.

Have pity on the weakness of our faith and love.

Have pity on those who are weeping, on those who are praying, on those who are fearful.

Holy Mother, please obtain for all of us hope and peace with justice.

Amen.

Wishing you a peaceful and enjoyable half-term break.