



St. John's

Catholic Primary School

Friday 27th January 2017



Our Reading Stars

Bronze Readers

St. Ava

St. Joseph

St. Genevive

St. Sebastian

William Townsley

Lara Mele

Olivia O'Connell

Raffaele Mele



Our Handwriting Stars

Blaze Thorne – St Joseph



We were very excited to invite Hack Horsham and David Brookes from Dab Hands, into St. Johns during a special assembly to donate three raspberry pi's; these will be used in the computer club to teach children coding and programming.

House of the Week:

Ox -342

Angel - 279

Lion - 227

Eagle - 204

Golden Peg:

St. Francis

On Monday Years 5 & 6 were privileged to receive a basic first aid course. The children felt especially proud to know they have learnt CPR, and all the children left feeling much more confident in their first aid knowledge.

Attendance

This week our attendance was 95.3% which is below the government's expectation of 96%. Can we work hard together to improve this next week? A huge well done to St. Sebastian for another week at 99.4%.

St. Therese 90.7% (94.1% year to date)
St. Francis 96% (96.1% year to date)
St. Ava 94.2% (97.3% year to date)
St. Nicholas 96.5% (95.3% year to date)
St. Joseph 94.9% (95.4% year to date)
St. Genevieve 95.8% (98.1% year to date)
St. Sebastian 99.4% (97.5% year to date).

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. The LA target for attendance in primary school is at least 95%.



Attendance during one school year	Days Absent...	Weeks Absent...	Lessons Missed...
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
60%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

How does your child's attendance compare with this target? Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Thank you to our Young Interpreters!

Our new Young Interpreters have started reading with their KS1 buddies on Thursday afternoons in the library, using lovely new picture books. They are proving to be excellent teachers! They are very patient and helpful, so our younger EAL children are able to improve their reading in English. They have all bonded so well too. Thank you to all our Young Interpreters for doing a fantastic job already!



Other news

St. John's Staff Trained in the use of the Defibrillator

This week Silver Cloud visited the school to train a number of our staff in the use of the defibrillator that was recently gifted to the school by the Friends.

Reports from the staff that attended the training confirmed how easy the machine would be to use as it gives a running commentary of instructions whilst monitoring the condition of the casualty.

Of course, we all very much hope that the use of this device will never be called for. However, we are extremely grateful for the peace of mind that having it provides and the knowledge that should it be required in an emergency situation, its use can more than double the victim's chance of survival.

We will notify Arunside School of the fact that we have the defibrillator as well as Horsham First Responders so that we can be logged on their records and the device be available for the community if required.

We thank you and the Friends for making all of the above possible.

And finally...

Over the next few weeks, we will be re-visiting our British Values these are - democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. We have focused this week on the fourth value mentioned - tolerance. The bible uses the parable of The Good Samaritan to emphasise how important it is to show love to one another regardless of color and/ or creed. Please, over the weekend talk to your child about the discussions they have had in school this week and how we can best show others respect and tolerance, even if their views differ from ours.

May I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Bono



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 31st January	2.30-2.55 Open classroom - St. Therese, St. Francis, St. Ava
Friday 3rd February	Year 2 trip
Tuesday 7th February	2.30 - 2.55 Open classroom - St. Nicholas, St. Joseph, St. Genevieve and St. Sebastian
Friday 10th February	Friend's cake sale after school Friend's disco
Saturday 11th February	Horsham Football Club - St. John's School Fun Day, with Mascots Milo Dalby and Luca Smith. To find out more please see Helen Dalby or Emma Smith.
Monday 13th February	4.30-7.00 Parents' Meetings
Tuesday 14th February	3.30-6.00 Parents' Meetings
Friday 17th February	Non-uniform day - Friend's collecting gifts for Mother's day
Tuesday 28th February	Year 1 trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 1st March	2pm Ash Wednesday Mass at St. John the Evangelist for the school - parents are warmly welcome.