

# ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 12/10/18 Autumn Term ~ Edition 2

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### OCTOBER 2018

Monday 15th Year 6 - Kilvrough Residential Visit  
**St. Aloysius Bake Off**  
 Tuesday 16th Oak Class, Cotswold Wildlife Park Visit  
 Thursday 18th 2.00pm - Harvest Festival Mass, School Hall  
 (remember your food contributions)  
 3.05PM - END OF HALF TERM

#### FRIDAY 19TH

#### MONDAY 29TH

Tuesday 30th 8.35AM - RE-START OF AUTUMN TERM  
 9.30am - St. Aloysius School **OPEN MORNING**

#### NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday 1st Ash Class - NO SWIMMING  
 10.00am - All Saints Day Mass, The Oratory  
**Friday 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm PTA SPOOKY DISCO (tickets for sale in back playground)**  
 Monday 5th Years R - 5 - Flu Immunisation  
 Tuesday 6th 2.00pm - Bay Class Mass, The Oratory  
 w/beginning 12th Parent Consultations  
 Monday 12th Fire Service Visit - Years 1 & 2  
**Friday 16th PTA Winter Party (St. Edwards School)**  
 Tuesday 20th 2.00pm - Ash Class Mass, The Oratory  
 Friday 23rd Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day, The Oratory  
 Saturday 24th 11.00am - Confirmation Mass, The Oratory

### FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers, The end of another busy couple of weeks as we hurtle towards half term. We have all been working hard to practise being Compassionate and Loving. It is always good to celebrate the achievements of the children at the end of each week and hear about those individuals who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating these virtues. We are very much looking forward to the Great St. Aloysius' Bake Off on Monday. The standard is always very high with amazing creativity and expertise - no pressure then! Enjoy the weekend. **Tom Walker - Headteacher.**

#### After School Club Bookings

Booking forms for the second half of the Autumn term have been emailed via Schoolcomms and are available on the school website ([www.staloyusius.net](http://www.staloyusius.net)) or from the School Office.

#### **FROM 24TH OCTOBER 2018 YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BOOK YOUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SESSIONS FOR THE WHOLE TERM ONLINE**

We are moving to an online booking system for After School Club. The new system, which will be available to parents via the Schoolgateway app, will go live on 24th October 2018. Both the manual booking system we currently use and the online system will run alongside each other for a period of transition. From January 2019 the online booking system will be the only way parents can book After School Club. Charges will remain the same and parents will be able to pay when they make a booking. There will be a limited number of spaces available every day (Monday 30 places, Tuesday 30 places, Wednesday 40 places, Thursday 30 places and Friday 30 places). Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Online bookings will close at 1.00pm - this will allow for any necessary adjustments in staffing, etc. For later bookings, (after 1.00pm on the same day), you will need to telephone the school office. We will always do our utmost to accommodate all children needing a place in After School Club. Thank you.

#### Year 6 Parents - SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018. Parents will need to have made their application by then.

#### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor here at school. We would like someone five days a week but are willing to be flexible. The hours would be 1.25 per day, starting at 12.00pm. If you would like to receive any further information, please speak to Jo Clarke in the School Office.



### THIS TERM'S HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Ashmolean 120 Bodleian 115 Radcliffe 128 Sheldonian 100  
**SUMMER Term House Point Cup Winners - BODLEIAN**

### THIS TERM'S VIRTUES

This term we are trying hard to be Loving and Compassionate.

### YOU WERE NEAR WHEN I WAS FAR FROM YOU

Jesus Christ, love of all love, you were always with me and I knew it not. You were there and I forgot you. You were deep in my heart and I sought you elsewhere. Even when I was far from you, you still waited for me. The day is coming when I can say to you: Risen Lord, you are my life. To Christ I belong, through Christ I exist. *Amen.*

### OUR NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Every day we walk in God's way by:  
 Being **READY** to get on  
 Being **RESPONSIBLE** for ourselves and everyone  
 Being **RESPECTFUL** in what we do and say...  
 Together we follow the St. Aloysius' Way.

### **St. Aloysius' Catholic Primary School RECEPTION CLASS - SEPTEMBER 2019**

**TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2018**

email [office.3842@st-aloyusius.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3842@st-aloyusius.oxon.sch.uk) for further details

## OPEN MORNING



### Climbing Frame Donations

Our target is £20k and so far you have raised more than £15k! If you are unable to attend the various PTA events, please make a donation by clicking [here](#).

### ST. ALOYSIUS BREAKFAST CLUB

There is space in our Breakfast Club. Parents can drop children off from 7.45am. The cost of sessions are; from 7.45am - £4.00 and from 8.00am - £3.50. No need to book, just turn up! Children will receive breakfast and a drink and have an opportunity to experience some games, art, etc. If you would like any further information, speak to Mrs. McIntyre in the School Office or at Breakfast Club.

### HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO PAY?

Have you paid for everything this term? Please remember your parent contributions and donations are more important than ever. Please make any outstanding payments via cheque/cash or the Schoolgateway - staff will always be willing to help with any queries. Thank you!

Parents, welcome to:

## Schoolgateway

The easy way to pay online for dinners and other items.

Download the app. Android and iPhone  
 or visit: [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)



Activate your account today!



### School Motto

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### CLASS REVIEWS

**Tigger Class** - It is very exciting in Tigger Class - we have started learning some sounds! We have learned m, s, a and d so far. The Tiggers have been so excited writing and exploring them and thinking of words with those sounds in. Ask them to show you at home! We have also been enjoying the changes that Autumn has brought. We have collected lots of items from outside and made crowns, leaf hedgehogs and much more. There has also been lots of story telling in Tigger class. Some of the children even made up their own stories, which they then retold to the class. Keep an eye on Tapestry for all of the great learning we have been doing.

**Willow Class** - Over the past few weeks Willow Class have become totally engrossed in our topic of World War I. The children have completed some personal research projects which unveiled past family members who had shown great bravery fighting in various wars. We have grandparents with roads named after them, airports named after them and even those who have been awarded the Victoria Cross! The children have read poems by Wilfred Owen and written poems showing their own moving interpretations of war, these are on display in the top corridor. In addition to this, the children have enjoyed learning about the structure of the bible as a series of books. They now feel more confident naming the sections of the bible and are able to play a guess who style game with people from the Old Testament - a sure sign that their knowledge has grown! We anticipate a great week at Kilvrough next week, expect updates filled with adventure!

**Bay Class** - Bay Class have just finished their unit on poetry where they have looked at SHAMPOO (symbolism, hyperbole, alliteration, metaphor and simile, personification, onomatopoeia and oxymoron). They have created some amazing pieces of work, which have focused on WWI and the emotive language that comes across when talking about this. Hopefully these will be on display soon. In Maths, we have also finished our unit on place value. Many have shown a secure understanding of this and have enjoyed using a beach ball to get the brain working. The one area that needs to be worked on is rounding. In science, the class have looked at parts of a plant and this week they managed to dissect one of their own to identify most of them (some of their posters are now up on display). Lastly, we have been looking at posters from WWI and how these persuaded young hopefuls onto the battleground and they have looked at the stalemate of Germany and Britain on the western front. They have understood that trench war went on for many years and it was not until technology developed that this came to an end. Thank you to those who have been writing in their reading journals. It is great to know that so many of them are reading proactively at home.

**Fig Class** - Excellent team work has been evident in Fig Class over the last couple of weeks with the children working in groups to act out the story of Jonah and the Whale. The children froze the action at the main points of the story and showed what they thought would be happening. They wrote down what they thought Jonah might be thinking and feeling at each point and any questions they might like to ask to clarify their thinking about the story. In this task, the children did not work with their close friends and many commented on how good it had been to work with different children. Everyone cooperated well and their freeze frames can be seen in a display in the class. In English, we have been looking at a variety of information texts and how information is grouped under subheadings. The children have started to write their own information texts based on the mythical creatures they made. In computing, we have been learning how to make a PowerPoint presentation about the mythical beasts. The children have found out how to cut images from the internet and paste them into their presentation. Our spelling pattern this week is the sound 'or' made by the letter 'a' when it comes before l and ll as in ball, call, almost, altogether, walk, talk, stalk, etc.

**Ash Class** - In recent weeks we have continued to focus on place value in Maths. We have partitioned numbers, represented them pictorially and have found 1000 more and less than any given 4-digit number. We have used our knowledge to solve problems and even have had a go at writing a few challenging problems for our friends and Miss Duncan to solve. In English, we have had a particular focus on reading comprehension skills using our class book, particularly using evidence from the text to support our answers. We are enjoying reading our class

book, 'To the Edge of the World', discussing the vocabulary the author has used and we are waiting for the adventure to start! In Science, we have been using our skills of observation to write about changes of state and have used scientific vocabulary to describe what has happened. In our topic lessons, we have been investigating biomes all over the world, researching the vegetation and animals that live in each of these and have shared what we have learnt with others in the class.

**Fir Class** - Fir Class had a fantastic trip to the Arboretum on the 2nd Oct. The children made hedgehog houses, Autumn crowns, saw peacocks and learnt about a huge variety of trees. At outdoor learning the children threaded fallen leaves onto pieces of string to create necklaces, crowns and bracelets. Thank you to all the parents who are accompanying these trips. In our English lessons the children are working hard at using their phonics to create super sentences. We are going to write The Hansel and Gretel story over the coming week. In maths the children have been looking at whole numbers and splitting them into parts alongside putting numbers on a number line.

**Oak Class** - Oak class has been transformed over the past few weeks as we learn more about the rainforest and our creative juices have been flowing with some excellent models, displays, quizzes and crosswords. The children also perfected their master chef skills on our recent trip to Pizza Express. Each child tenderly kneaded their own dough and created delicious margherita pizzas which we all enjoyed, as you can see. In Maths we are working on addition and subtraction of hundreds, tens and ones and demonstrating some excellent team work skills. We are studying the Jungle Book and appreciating 'the law of the jungle.'. This has allowed us to look at our own values and our role as responsible citizens. We are looking forward to our trip next week to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. This will prove to be a great learning experience and a chance for our rainforest experts to demonstrate all their knowledge.

**Acorn Class** - Acorn Class have had a busy couple of weeks learning all about the delights of Autumn! We have been out exploring the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn and enjoying the last of the warm sunshine! Inside the children have been listening to Autumn stories such as Leaf Man and making the most beautiful leaf prints and rubbings to create their very own Leaf People! Stories such as Owl Babies and The Very Helpful Hedgehog have led to some excellent work to decorate the Acorn Room and really make it look fantastic! We continue to concentrate on our PSED areas too through stories and play and the children have had a really great start to their first term.

Our fire drill practice proved very useful when we became part of the whole school fire drill this week and the Acorns were praised for their excellent behaviour and quick lining up. Well done Acorns!

### Porridge Day

We would like to congratulate the Student Council on a very successful fundraising event in aid of Mary's Meals. The whole school were involved with a great sense of community spirit as we topped our porridge with raisins, chocolate chips and lots of honey. A fantastic £124.00 was raised for the charity and a lot of fun was had by us all.



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