

ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 18/07/17 Summer Term ~ Edition 3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2017

Wednesday 19th 2.00pm - Leaver's Assembly - parents welcome
Tigger and Acorn Classes Aristotle Class Picnic
Thursday 20th Ash Class - NO SWIMMING
Friday 21st 9.30am - End of Term Mass at School
1.00pm END OF SUMMER TERM

SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday 4th SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th 8.35am - START OF 2017/18 ACADEMIC YEAR
Tuesday 12th Snappers Photography - Individual Photographs

FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,
As this is the last newsletter of 2016/17 I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff, Governors and volunteers who have helped support us during the last twelve months. We can look back on a successful Ofsted and more recently some excellent end of Key Stage results. A set of data does not, of course, reflect the whole life of the school. All the children have made progress in ways that cannot be measured by a written test. Without the support you give us from home our job would be a lot harder and a lot less enjoyable, so THANK YOU parents and carers for the time, patience and dedication you have put in to supporting our school community.

Thank you to the PTA for all the marvellous events you have organised this year. The Summer Fair was a great success. Thank you to Amy Richards who co-ordinated this amazing day.

I'd also like to make a special mention for our Chair of Governors Felicity Staveley-Taylor who steps down as Chair this summer. Felicity's children left St Aloysius years ago but she has remained very active on the board, taking over the Chair in 2014. She has provided great support to the school during our recent Ofsted inspections. I'm sure she is looking forward to a well-earned break from governance!

Finally, we will be saying a sad farewell to the following Staff this July. Mary Hutchings has done an amazing job for many years at St. Aloysius passing on her passion for Science and ensuring the pupils develop a love for this subject. Zoe Spilberg Has run the Early Years with real vision and dedication and co-ordinated the setting up of our Acorn Nursery Class in January 2017. Dee Stevens has only been on the Staff since Christmas but has made a big impression in Year 5. Ginny Auty and Helen Howgego have both worked wonders as support Staff. In particular their work supporting individuals and small groups has really helped build the children's confidence and helped the children make progress in the classroom.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to Giovanna Fronteddu our Italian Teacher who returns to sunny Italy in July. We will all miss you. Have a great summer. See you back at school on Tuesday 5th September. Tom Walker - Headteacher.

The Aristotle Cup

Well done Year 4 who won their age group of the Aristotle Cup!!

Sports Day

Monday was our annual Sports Day at school. Photographs from the day can be seen by clicking on this [link](#).



BREAKING PTA NEWS

Last Saturday the PTA held another very successful Summer Fair and we have been told that again you have raised more than £2,500!! Photographs from the day can be seen by clicking on this [link](#).

School Meals

We have been informed by Carillion (our school meal provider) that school lunches will increase in price to £2.20 in September.

French Club

Mrs. Stuart-Jones would like to say a big thank you to all the children and parents who have attended her French lessons this year. She wishes everyone a lovely summer holiday and hopes to see new and old faces again in September (2nd week of term).

TIM PARRY - STAFF MEMBER 2005 TO 2015

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Amen.



ACORN NURSERY CLASS (For 3 Year Olds) **PLACES AVAILALE IN SEPTEMBER**

Please email Jo at office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk for an Application Form

RNIB - Royal National Institute of Blind People - USED STAMPS!

We are collecting used postage stamps. The RNIB can raise money from British and overseas new and used stamps. They also collect first day covers, presentation packs and albums. Please leave approximately 1cm of envelope around each stamp and place them in the post box outside the office and when we have a goodly bundle we will send them off to the RNIB.

Oxfordshire County Music Service

Oxfordshire County Music Service provide a wide variety of music lessons for children. We currently have children learning violin, cello and guitar via OCMS. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please click [HERE](#) for further information.

The Giving Machine - MONEY FOR FREE!

Did you know that most major retailers will donate money to causes like St. Aloysius PTA every time you shop online with them? All you need to do is access the retailers webpage via The Giving Machine website [HERE](#). Stores that support The Giving Machine include; Sainsbury's, Tesco, SportsDirect, Boden, John Lewis, Waitrose, EBay, Asos and many more. Thank you for your support.

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CLASS REVIEWS

Fir Class - I cannot believe we've arrived at the end of another year. Fir Class have worked so hard throughout this year and as a class have made huge progress. During this term they've all learnt so much about The Fire of London and Samuel Pepys retaining so many interesting facts. During Science we have learnt how plants grow which has been reinforced through our fantastic Outdoor Learning sessions; they can all talk about the season changes. In Maths they have all begun to understand multiplication and division. As a class they have thrived in sports sessions and doing whole class art and games sessions. I wish you all an amazing summer and a great Year 2.

Ash Class - As the school year draws to a close, I can honestly say that it has been great to have such an amazing class. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children and we have shared many great memories together. Woodlands has to be the best moment of the year as they showed great leadership qualities, that they can work well as a team and used excellent communication and listening skills. Other proud moments have to be how much they have improved academically. To have so many children in the class who are achieving way above expected level just shows their dedication to learning and this makes me really excited when thinking about just what they could succeed next year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and that they all have a well earned rest. See you in Year 5.

Oak Class - Big thank you to Miss Evans, our Brookes' student who worked so well and enthusiastically with us. We have been writing our own versions of Avansi stories and enjoying the illustrations which accompany them. In Maths we have reviewed measures, fractions and addition.

Tigger Class - When thinking about writing a review of the year in Tigger Class, I thought who better to ask than the children themselves. So, in response to the question "What have been some of the best things we've done in Tigger Class?", the children shared their memories about so much that they've learnt and experienced since September. Their answers sum up the year so well: "I've learnt to read stories to my mum and dad", "I love that we can be whoever we want in the role-play corner", "We had a farm come to school, a real one", "We conquered the Evil Pea when we did superheroes", "I remember learning about jungles and those funny howler monkeys and sloths. They grow mould because they move so slowly!" "And we grew butterflies from real caterpillars." "One day aliens left their underpants in the classroom. We had to find them by learning about space and planets" "And we ate real space food - the ice-cream was crunchy", "I can add big numbers together and take them away from each other in my head now", "I can help my mummy write her shopping list." "I learnt to make sure my shoes are on the right feet when I go outside", "I write my own stories all the time. I do it like an author", "I learnt to use the drill at the workbench and how to make a clock", "I can tell the time now so I know when I am allowed out of bed in the morning." "We went to the Toy Museum and played with really old things without batteries", "We wrote to children in Japan and Africa..." There were many, many more answers and they all demonstrated what a busy, exciting and instructive year it's been - thank you to all the children for being so excited about learning and to the parents for all their fantastic support.

Bay Class - We are so grateful for the relief of cooler temperatures and rain after the intense heat of recent weeks. The pupils have been working well despite the heat in Bay Class thanks to the wrap-around windows. They have been studying life cycles and have successfully germinated bean plants. I am hoping they will bear fruit later on in the holidays if they are looked after at home. Mrs. Beeton has helped to slake our thirst during the hot days with her refreshing recipe for lemonade which was attempted by all pupils with great success. We are planning few more of her delightful recipes before the end of term. Tests have been done in Maths and children have been looking at their answers to analyse their strengths and weaknesses. Some of them have an action plan for the summer to get those areas sorted so good luck with all of that. It hardly seems possible that the year end has been reached. Time has flown by and being busy has helped to hasten the passage of time not least practising the songs for the St. Luigi concert. This is a good way to bring to an end a hectic and eventful time with the fascinating pupils of Bay Class.

THIS TERM'S HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Ashmolean 245 Bodleian 242 Radcliffe 232 Sheldonian 239
Spring Term House Point Cup Winners - ASHMOLEAN

Willow Class - This week has been extremely busy and very exciting for a Willow class. We started the week by attending a book launch, we met Gillian Cross (author of the "Demon Headmaster") and were part of a BBC live stream to primary schools nationwide. The children were able to meet both Gillian Cross and the Blue Peter presenter Barney - which was very exciting for them! Tuesday held our final Romeo and Juliet performance after working all term with Creation Theatre. The children did a brilliant job and have enjoyed the drama course immensely - thanks to the PTA for funding this opportunity. Wednesday was Health and Science Day at Cherwell School where the children got to experience Science and PE lessons and meet new friends ready for next year. Last but by no means least, on Thursday it was our school concert "Sing for Saint Luigi" which was amazing - the children worked so hard and sung their hearts out - I am sure this came across in the show. I was immensely proud of all the children who took part and I know it will have raised enough money to make a huge difference at the Saint Luigi centre.

Acorn Class - This week Acorn Class had a fabulous time. At the beginning of this week we practised our pirate songs. We thoroughly enjoyed the St. Luigi day on Thursday. We have enjoyed learning our phonics, we made some lovely paintings by using our various modes of transport. We read stories about trains, buses and aeroplanes. An amazing week.

Fig Class - It has been a busy term in Fig Class with lots of sewing, tie-dyeing, painting, printing and singing. Thanks to Mrs Vermeulen, supported by Mateo and Christel's mums, all the children have embroidered fantastic book marks. I have been very impressed with everyone's needle skills. Linked to our work on famous people from earlier in the year, we have made two stage prints based on Rousseau's 'Tiger in a storm' painting. It is quite a difficult skill to know which parts of the design to remove and which to keep before printing the second colour. The pictures look great and are on display in the classroom. The big project this term has been the tie-dye tee-shirts to raise money for charity. The children were involved in the budgeting, research into favourite colours and designs, designing, making, marketing and advertising and selling of the shirts. Sixty tee-shirts were sold and the children made a profit of £105 which has been given to St. Luigi. Well done to everyone, it was a fabulous team effort. As always, the children have been working hard in all the other curriculum areas. In English we have written an extra chapter for the book 'The Ironman' where he goes into the sea looking for his missing ear, we have also had a focus on spelling, punctuation and handwriting. In Maths, we have working on multiplication, division and fractions and thinking about the links between these. In Geography we have continued looking at the effect humans have on the planet. We have found out about how we can reduce pollution and carried out a traffic survey. During the last two weeks, as part of data handling, we have been creating a criminal data base and using this to solve a crime. We will be looking at the advantages of using computers to sort data and how computers can search and sort data quickly. It has been a very busy and exciting term.

Football Coaching

Oak, Fir and Bay Classes have learnt a lot from the football coach Kevin Lloyd during this term.



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