

ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 26/05/17 Summer Term ~ Edition 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| June 2017 | |
| Monday 5th | SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 6th | 8.35am - Start of Summer Term |
| Thursday 8th | Ash Class Swimming - please remember kit |
| | OUTDOOR LEARNING - volunteers needed |
| | Subject Revolution Maths - Fir, Fig & Tigger Classes |
| Friday 9th | Ash Class - Oxford Hawks Coaching, St. Edwards School |
| Monday 12th | EYFS & KS1 Farm Visit (at school) |
| Wednesday 14th | Good Shepherd Mass, Headington |
| Thursday 15th | Ash Class Swimming - please remember kit |
| | 1.30pm - Corpus Christi Mass & Procession (school) |
| Friday 16th | Snappers Photography - Class Photographs |
| | Oak Class - First Communion Retreat Day |
| Saturday 17th | 11.00am - First Holy Communion, The Oratory |

FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,
It has been a short but very busy term. The staff have been delighted with the efforts the children have made with the various assessments that have to be carried out at this time of the year. I would like to thank the PTA for organising the Musical Evening. This raised more than £400.00 for school funds. The PTA have agreed to provide financial support to re-model the Breakfast Club/After School Club space. This will deliver benefits for all the pupils, providing a safe classroom area for cooking and design and technology. Finally, Miss Price leaves us at half term to pursue some career development opportunities. We hope to see her back at St. Aloysius' in the Autumn Term. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work with the pupils and wish her the very best. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and half-term holiday. **Tom Walker - Headteacher.**

PTA News

MUSIC EVENING - Thanks to everyone who came along to the music evening - it was truly a wonderful and atmospheric evening and the audience were blown away by the talent of Manouche etcetera.



CAKE SALE - Just to let you know that £143.05 was raised at last Friday's cake sale. Thank you very much to all the parents who brought and bought cakes and a huge thanks to Sue for taking charge of it.

LEARNPADS - The last set of LearnPads have been ordered for Fig Class and will be set up and ready for the start of next term. The school would like to thank all the parents for this valuable contribution.

Through The Gate Competition



We are delighted to announce that Hannah Uhlig (Ash Class) has won first prize in the Through the Gate competition. Hannah and her family were invited to open and go through the real gate recently to St. Hugh's College and to discover what really was behind the gate! They spent the afternoon exploring what lay behind the gate and enjoying a graduation tea in the grounds of the university college. Later in the afternoon, Hannah was presented with her book token and certificate. Congratulations Hannah!

School Lunch - Tuesday 6th June

Please note that on Tuesday 6th June the menu will not be as advertised but will instead be pizza and jacket potatoes.

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Heavenly Father to your loving care and protection I entrust my family this day. Bless each one of us, keep each one in your love, protect us from harm, guide us in our actions. Fill us with your Spirit. May your peace reign in our hearts and your love be always at the heart of our family. *Amen.*

PTA Summer Fete

Saturday 8th July

12.00 to 3.00pm

Fun for All the Family

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, guitar and clarinet 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 - Fir Class have been continuing their work on The Great Fire of London through literacy and art classes. The children have written about what they might have heard, seen, felt and touched had they been present in 1666 and then used their ideas to write a story about the event. In art the children are making replicas of the London houses out of boxes, paint and paper. In maths the class has been adding multiple 10s numbers to digit numbers and looking for patterns in numbers when they have to add more than 3 numbers together. For example using number bonds or doubles to making adding easier. In RE the children drew a picture and wrote about The Ascension as well as revisiting the sequence of events from



The Easter Story. Outdoor Learning continues to be an enjoyable day even if the weather is awful! Last week we fed the ducks in the pouring rain, this trip inspired the children to do some lovely pictures and writing in their nature books.

Ash Class - The class have been focusing on stories from other cultures and we looked at the continent Africa and how different their lives are to our own and each other. We looked at stories about a typical day in an African country. From this, the class wrote their own 'a day in the life of' on something in their culture that is different from others. In maths, Ash have looked at how we find the perimeter and area. We also looked at reading, writing, rounding and multiplying decimals with tenths and hundredths. We will also be focusing on Roman numerals this week so watch out for your Julius Caesars at home. Lastly, in Science we have been continuing our focus around living animals and we have been creating our own classification keys for vertebrates and invertebrates. They have also looked at different groups of animals and what makes them different from each other. Enjoy next week with your wonderful children and I hope the sun stays shining.

Oak Class - In Maths we have been looking closely at 2 dimensional shapes their names and properties. Children have worked on measuring the perimeters of a range of quadrilaterals. This began with a very stimulating real experience of measuring the perimeter of the football/netball court in the main playground. They estimated and calculated while choosing the best tools for the job. They have been revising tables 2x to 6x. The children have experienced looking at angles in relationship to ice skaters and skate boarders performing! In Science they have been assessed on plants and now are exploring the topic of Light. Highlights of the term have been the special coaching in football skills provided by Kevin Lloyd. The class have learnt a lot about bees and their activities and of their importance to life and food. They have been made aware of how endangered bees have become and produced very informative posters to share with the school. A trip to Pitt Rivers enhanced their Africa knowledge. They were able to look closely at valuable objects, which signified the importance of chiefs and leaders. These included a buffalo tail used to swat flies, chairs carved with animals, masks, drums and much more. They had an activity where they worked on trading different goods such as gold, guns, coral necklaces, palm oil and other items. Miss Evans has provided some very stimulating approaches and activities.

Tigger Class - We are still patiently waiting for our butterflies to emerge from their chrysalises and have been busily absorbed in learning about a variety of other minibeasts. We created a wormery and wrote letters to the book character Superworm. After this many children were enchanted by the idea of a superhero minibeast and went on to create their own bug crusaders, drawing pictures and labelling them with lists of their superpowers. As some of the children have recently started learning to play instruments, and many others are showing a real interest in listening to a range of different music, we have enjoyed a week of celebrating all things musical. We have been learning old playground songs, singing number rhymes, listening to well-known classical, folk and traditional melodies and have learnt about some of the different instruments that play in an orchestra. In maths we have revisited capacity, embedding the correct mathematical language to describe and compare quantities. We have also been 'cowboy counting' to 100 in 1s, 2s 5s and 10s.

THIS TERM'S HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Ashmolean 121 Bodleian 122 Radcliffe 126 Sheldonian 135
Spring Term House Point Cup Winners - **BODLEIAN**

Bay Class - Time is flying past and already we have reached half-term. Some of the pupils are counting down to Christmas! In Maths, pupils are dizzy with the skills of rotating shapes as part of their work on transformations. They are enjoying their class book - thank you to parents for providing them with a copy of The Railway Children. The children are learning about the harder grittier times of the Edwardian era especially for some children and their families. Rehearsals are underway for the St. Luigi fund raiser. There are many words, tunes and rhythms to learn for the summer concert which will turn out to be a memorable event no doubt. Football skills training with Kevin has come to an end. The students have benefitted greatly from his input. There is more work to be done yet with some of the youngsters in the matter of losing graciously and being team players. Fr. Daniel is regularly put through his paces each Wednesday when he visits as he takes the pupils through the journey to Pentecost using texts from the Acts of the Apostles.



Willow Class - This week in Willow Class the children have enjoyed learning about prejudice and discrimination as part of our topic on social justice. We finished our session with a "Big Up" board where children were given the opportunity to anonymously compliment other members of the class. After one wet break time I returned to find the board plastered in sticky notes and a class of smiling faces! The class continued exploring our topic in literacy with Miss O'Kane, writing poetry about what it means to be stereotyped. They have also continued to read "Refugee Boy" and discovered what it may feel like to be forced to leave your country. We have also been studying the history of mathematics, the invention of decimal place value, the number zero and Napier's bones - the world's first long multiplication calculator. The picture shows the "Big Up" board.

Acorn Class - Acorn Class have been working hard to form letters. We have been writing letters in the air and tracing letters on our backs so we can link the sound to the letter. We have also been focussing on hearing sounds. We have been concentrating on starting to write names. We have been writing, ordering and singing numbers 1 to 10. We have had fun with number and shape treasure hunts in the outside area. Last week we had several birthdays in Acorn Class so we have been lucky enough to eat lots of birthday cake (grown ups too!). We enjoyed making mini cupcakes and decorating them with dried fruit. The Acorn favourite topping was strawberry! We talked about cakes being a treat and listed lots of healthy foods that we can eat every day. Some of our plants have started to grow and some have not so we have been discussing what plants need to grow and what happens if they do not get what they need.

Fig Class - Fig Class have been working hard in the last two weeks. In Maths we have been looking at word problems and the rules we must use to solve them. The class were split into two groups during the previous week where they looked at equally challenging areas of mathematics in finding the best way to answer a question - word problems and number problems. During the two weeks we have had a focus on the topic The Great Fire of London. In English the children spent the first week researching The Great Fire of London and then writing up their own diary entries as if they were there. In the second week we have been looking at Poetry and the children are creating their own sensory poems linked to The Great Fire of London. In Art the children have had a focus on The Great Fire of London too and we have created amazing silhouette pictures of London during the fire. With Pentecost coming soon, in RE Fig Class have been looking at the story of Pentecost and from this have created some wonderful pieces of art which are currently on display in the classroom and have thought about prayers and the importance of them.



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