

# ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 06/07/18 Summer Term ~ Edition 3

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>JULY 2018</b>	Acorn Class to Farmer Gow's
Monday 9th	Swan School Presentation Year 5 & parents
Tuesday 10th	6.00pm - Introduction Meeting for New Reception Children, The Courtyard
Thursday 12th	Tigger Class to Cotswold Wildlife Park 10.15am - Whole School Library Assembly
<b>Monday 16th</b>	<b>9.30AM - SPORTS DAY at St. Edwards School</b>
Tuesday 17th	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 18th	9.15am - Acorn Sports Day at school 10.10am - Drumming Assembly Ash Class - Swallows & Amazons at University Parks FGB Governors Meeting
Thursday 19th	2.45pm - Year 6 Creation Theatre Performance
Friday 20th	School Transfer Morning <b>3.05PM - PTA BIKE SALE - SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS</b>
Wednesday 25th	9.30am - End of Year Mass at school 1.00PM - END OF SUMMER TERM
<b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b>	
Wednesday 5th	8.35AM - START OF AUTUMN TERM

### FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers, As we hurtle towards the end of a very hot, busy term I would like to take the opportunity to thank the PTA for all their incredible fundraising efforts this year. Amy and Becky doing an amazing job organising a very successful Summer Fair and Pauline, Sara, Celine, Flo and Sharon have created some competition for Glastonbury with the Summer Festival which took place a few weeks back. The school really appreciates the support they get from the parent body. School budgets are tight these days. Your fundraising efforts prevent us having to dip into our revenue budget (the money we use for staffing, equipment and everything else). As this weather is set to continue (I will not complain, I will not complain) please ensure the children bring in a full water bottle each day with their name clearly marked. Have a lovely weekend. **Tom Walker - Headteacher.**

#### Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school then please telephone the office and speak to the office staff or leave a message. Alternatively you can email the office ([admin.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk)). It is expected that parents will contact school as soon as it is reasonably practicable (by 9.00am) on every day their child is unable to attend. It would help the office staff immensely and save them a lot of time if parents inform them about absences as early as possible. Thank you.

#### The Swan School

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 5 and below in our ICT Suite. The meeting will take place after school on Monday 9th July at 3.15pm. Parents are invited to come and find out about the new secondary school in Marston which is due to open in September 2019.

#### After School Club - September 2019

Booking forms for September to October will be sent out next week. Please note, from September, we are introducing a flat fee charge of £15.00 for bookings made with less than 24 hours notice and bookings will not be accepted without a booking form and payment.

#### Alice Day - 7th July 2018

The day is full of interactive activities to do with Alice in Wonderland. For further details, click [here](#).



#### Orchestra Day

On Wednesday 20th June, a few selected children were invited to participate in Headington School's Orchestra Day. The day consisted of sectional rehearsals before a delicious lunch and then a full orchestra run through. At the end of the day, parents were invited to watch an amazing performance of four pieces of music. I was astounded at the speed with which the children learnt the music and picked up new skills. The favourite was the score from Harry Potter - Goblet of Fire, a rousing piece with two key changes and complex time signatures. I was extremely proud of all the children who represented us so beautifully.

### THIS TERM'S HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Ashmolean 285 Bodleian 336 Radcliffe 349 Sheldonian 285  
Spring Term House Point Cup Winners - RADCLIFFE

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

Lord, be before me and show me the right path. Lord, be beside me and protect me. Lord, be behind me and preserve me from evil. Lord, be beneath me, save me from the snare and catch me when I fall. Lord, be within me and comfort me when I am sad. Lord, be around me and defend me from those who assail me. Lord, be above me and bless me. 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.

### SPREAD THE WORD ACORN NURSERY CLASS

(For 3+ Year Olds)

### PLACES AVAILABLE NOW & FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

For an application form and to register, please email Jo at [office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk)



### Climbing Frame Donations

Our target is £20k and so far you have raised more than £10k! 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?

Please remember your parent contributions and donations are more important than ever. Please can we remind you of the following payments that are now due?

- Dinner Money (speak to the office to check balances)
- Swimming Contributions (Ash Class)
- Kilvrough Deposit (Bay Class)
- School Building Fund Donation (form available from office)
- Extra Curricular Club Fees (Chess, Capoeira, etc.)
- Farmer Gow's and Cotswold Wildlife Park Trips
- Breakfast/After School Club (**PLEASE** pay/book using booking form)
- Donation to School Climbing Frame Appeal (see above)

Parents, welcome to:

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### CLASS REVIEWS

**Ash Class** - The class have really benefited from Miss Hill teaching them for the past few weeks. In Mathematics they were calculating area and perimeter, venturing outside into the playground to discover a number of shapes requiring all their mathematical skills. They then moved onto revisiting the language for properties of 3D shapes and their names. In English they wrote poems inspired by Swallows and Amazons, which they performed to each other in class. In Art they continued to recreate paintings they had looked at during their trip to the Ashmolean Museum. They have produced water colour postcards and written letters to Clare Coleman, the Education Officer at the museum. In music they listened to and learnt about sea shanties. This led them to practising composition in their own groups, which they performed in class. The children designed and built model boats which are on display in class. They shared their designs and persuaded us which was the best. Their time with Miss Hill ended with a talent show where children performed on violins and drums, undertook a drawing challenge and then a very amusing puppet show! This week in RE, Ash Class have been creating PowerPoint presentations about Pope Francis. They have found out some really interesting facts about him and made interesting presentations using the different features of PowerPoint to good effect.



**Willow Class** - During the past few weeks, Willow Class have been on several exciting trips. We have attended events such as the Festival of Voices and Gifford Circus. Some of the class were also invited to the Oxford University Physics Department where they were given the opportunity to sample sessions on materials, lasers, chemistry and maths. The children loved the chemistry lecture, in which they froze fresh flowers using liquid nitrogen and also set fire to helium filled balloons (don't try this at home!). The Festival of Voices was a fantastic success and the children sang beautifully; the conductor was especially impressed that we were the only school who had learnt the three part harmonies and he placed us right at the front to say thank you.



**Acorn Class** - Acorns have had a busy few weeks thinking about Africa after reading *Handas Surprise* and *We Are Going on a Lion Hunt*. They have particularly enjoyed learning about all the different African animals. We have talked about the similarities and differences to living here in the UK and we were fortunate to have Jayden's Mum come in to talk to us about the African way of life and share some different artefacts with us. This week we are reading *The Ugly Duckling* and thinking about different kinds of birds. We are all looking forward to our trip to Farmer Gow's next week.

**Bay Class** - Bay Class have been busy with the end of year tests. They have worked incredibly hard in all areas and I am extremely proud of their achievements. Of course, we are still getting in as much as we can before the end of the year and the class have just been looking at information writing based around an unknown planet and its habitants. In Maths, they have started two new topics - looking at percentages and converting them to fractions and decimals and Roman Numerals. In RE, the class came up with a rap based around the temptation of Jesus. Their raps were eventually performed and were brilliant to watch.



**Fig Class** - It has been an interesting and exciting few weeks in Fig Class. We had an excellent trip to Far Peak where the children showed great team work, resilience and perseverance and no fear of heights when climbing a 15 metre high climbing wall. As well as climbing and completing an orienteering course, we learnt how to build a shelter and make a fire. I think the next step should be to ask Bear Grylls to take us on an expedition so that we can practise our survival skills. It was lovely to welcome the children from the Chatterbox School into our class and as always our children made them very

welcome. Over the last few weeks in Maths, we have been practising and revisiting different mathematical skills and applying them to a range of different problems and calculations. In Science, the children explored the effect of different sized parachutes on the rate of descent of an egg that was suspended from the parachute. It was generally agreed that the larger the surface area of the parachute, the slower the descent. We all had a smashing time!

**Fir Class** - Fir Class have continued to work hard on their creative writing through rewriting *Little Red Riding Hood* and story boarding the poem *Little Boy Blue*. In RWInc sessions we are developing real security in phonics alongside advancing the children's reading comprehension skills as this is very important as we approach the end of Year 1. In Maths, the children have been continuing to focus on the importance of understanding place-value and learning simple multiplication. In RE the class have been thinking about what makes a good friend and how this might link to the type of people that were chosen to be Jesus' disciples. Outdoor learning has been great as we have had such amazing weather. The class have also done printing in Art and held a cake sale. Another busy two weeks in Year 1.



**Tigger Class** - The Tiggers have been busy learning all about Africa. We were very lucky to have a visit from Alice's mum to tell us all about life in Namibia. She told us all about the meaning of the flag, the food and the types of traditional clothes you might find in Namibia. The children also had great fun on International Day finding out all about each other's cultures. They did a great project on celebrating their cultures. They wrote about the different countries that their parents are from and the languages that they spoke. We also investigated what the flags look like from the different countries. Next week we will be learning about the animals we might find in Africa ready for our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Thursday!

**Oak Class** - It has been a very exciting time in Oak Class. On the 23rd June 22 pupils from Oak Class and Robert from Ash Class all made their First Holy Communion. The service was beautiful and each of the children played their part in making it a very special celebration. The children had prepared for this day over the past term. We would like to thank the parent volunteers from Ash Class who kindly prepared a fantastic celebration breakfast for the children and their guests. In class we are drawing to a close our topic of the Homefront. We had a surprise guest when the class were joined by Jim, who came in full German soldier uniform with all the materials and equipment that he would need if he was to fight in WWII today. The children learned about camouflage, weapons and all tried on his very heavy helmet. This week our focus has moved to national testing and delving into the world of Alice in Wonderland with an interactive story workshop, co-ordinated by the Oxford Story Museum.



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### OTHER NEWS

#### PTA Bike Sale - 20th July 2018

The PTA is organising a second hand bike sale! It will take place after school on Friday 20th July, in the back playground. This is a fantastic opportunity to sell all your old bicycles, for adults and children, and to replace them with good quality second hand bikes. At least 15% of the price of each bike will go towards the PTA climbing frame appeal. Children's bikes and adults' bikes welcome! Tag-alongs, trailers, and tandems too! If you would like to sell or donate your old bikes please make sure that they are in good condition, roadworthy, and clean. Then please email a photo and a description of the bike, along with the price you would like to sell it for, to [claireharrington@claireharrington.com](mailto:claireharrington@claireharrington.com). We plan to circulate a list of the bikes in advance so that potential buyers bring enough cash with them. If you would like to buy a bike please look out for the list of bikes and then come along at 3.05pm on Friday 20th July. Cash only. First come, first served! Some great bargains available!

#### Ceramics Club

Daiva wanted to share some photos of the beautiful ice cream bowls made by Nellie Lamond, Anna McPhilemy, Vito Fernandes, Felix Chataway, Maggie Barrio Martilotti, Freya Richards. See below.



#### FRENCH CLUB

French Club children have done very good work this term. With new topics, we have learnt many words and we have had a lovely end of term party (with French food, of course). Well done to all and Bonnes vacances! Christine.

#### Makespace Oxford

As you may be aware, Makespace Oxford has just launched on Aristotle Lane, Oxford OX2 6TP. A rather fabulous charity, the Young Women's Music Project - see <http://www.ywmp.org.uk> - has found a new home there, and now needs to make the space viable/liveable. The charity has a wish list and are asking people to donate second hand/unused items to a very worthwhile educational cause. The wish list is as follows: lamps, curtains, huge white curtains, curtain rail, cushions/cushion stuffing, fabric, zips, Velcro, blankets, chalk paint, black chalk paint and white paint, paint brushes, floor covers, nails, wall fans, high voltage extension, leads and cables, luminescent lights, recording light, display cabinet, metal and wooden rods, wood, plywood, beech, locks, storage cabinet, printer, fridge, cups/mugs, plates and cutlery, mug rack, kettle and toaster, water tank/cooler, bean bags, metal chains, blinds, projector, bespoke furniture, stools, bench/desk, shelves, storage wall, drum shelf, furniture. The list can also be found on the attached .pdf (page 5), which is all about the charity's new home at Makespace. Thank you very much for your support. Eliza Silk (Walter Silk - Acorn Class).

#### John Lewis Shoe Fitting Service

I am the manager of the Childrens' Shoes department at John Lewis, Oxford in the Westgate Centre. I'm writing to let you know about a Shoe Fitting and School Shoes promotion we will be running from 1st July to 9th September. If parents come and purchase a pair of school shoes with us between those dates, we will be saying 'Thank You' with a complimentary Jude's ice cream for their child! We are also highlighting the shoe fitting service we offer. Parents can beat the rush and avoid queuing by booking a shoe fitting appointment with one of our trained Partners online at <https://www.johnlewis.com/our-services#babychild>.

#### Summer Story Makers

Summer Story Makers is a fantastic week long course where children aged 8-12 will get to try their hand at drama, storytelling, stand-up

comedy and more. Summer Story Makers, 23-27 July (individual days available to book) <http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/summer-story-makers-3/>. Come for a week of stories and activities and earn a Discover Arts Award with our brilliant full week Summer course. Early drop off and/or late collection is available, as are pack lunches. Suitable for ages 8-12.

#### Pennies Around The Playground

Oak Class recently spent some time happily joining all the pennies in the school playground. Thank you so much for your donations, Oak Class raised £264.20 (poor Mrs. Lavety had to take it all to Sainsbury's cash machine - it took a long time feeding in all the bags of pennies).



#### LOST PROPERTY

We get requests all the time from parents who have lost school uniform, shoes, lunchboxes, Tamagotchis (!), books, glasses, jewellery (which should not really be in school), etc., etc. At the end of each term we usually try to reunite lost items with their owners. This is extremely difficult when their items are not named! Please label all your child's paraphernalia, whether it be water bottles or rosary beads, we truly do not like giving your child's property away! And on that note, please find attached to the newsletter a specific appeal from a Tigger Class parent...

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