

## Y6 are working hard

In Year 6, we are deep in the throes of SATs revision and making sure we are ready to take on our forthcoming assessments. Miss Morgan and I are extremely proud of the attitudes and motivation of our year group to do their best. We are busy revising spelling rules, grammar rules, maths concepts and reading skills; but it is all taken in both our stride and with smiles on our faces. Every day, we are remembering more and more of the KS2 curriculum and we are very confident that our children will make St Joseph's very proud in just under two weeks' time.



We have continued to love listening to and creating writing from our class reader, *Roof Toppers*. Children have been imagining what it would be like to discover Paris and look around at the wonder and awe of

this metropolitan and wondrous city. They have enjoyed writing in role of the main character, Sophie.

Year 6 have been getting excited about all the wonderful trips and experiences



we have planned for them after SATs too. We are beginning to talk about our days out and making sure our last days of primary school are full of fun and making lasting memories.

Our children continue to be wonderful role models for the rest of the children across the school and make great play leaders, ambassadors for how to play on the playground and how to help and support our friends. I really hope they love making memories in their final summer of primary school.

## Y3 are working hard too ...

This week in Literacy we have worked on changing the story of 'Leon and the Place Between' into a changed class version. Continuing along the lines of magic we spoke about magical characters that could replace the magician Abdul Kazam. The children used their imagination well to talk about different magical settings and thought about relevant vocabulary that they could use. They worked hard to up-level sentences using verbs, adverbs and adjectives to make their writing more exciting. They are busy thinking of what their invent version will be for their 'Hot Write' next week.



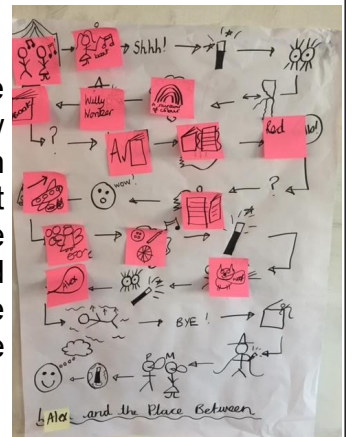
In science the children have embarked on a new topic about plants. The first



lesson started by generating questions about what they would like to learn over the next few weeks. They moved on to group pictures of plants and gave explanations as to how they grouped them and why. They were delighted to find out that there was

no right or wrong answer and all opinions were valued. In pairs they had the opportunity to dissect a lily or a tulip and chose how to display and label its parts. They are keen to now find out the function of each part.

In RE the children have been learning about new life and the resurrection of Jesus. They looked at abstract images of the resurrection and recreated their own piece of art based on the resurrection.



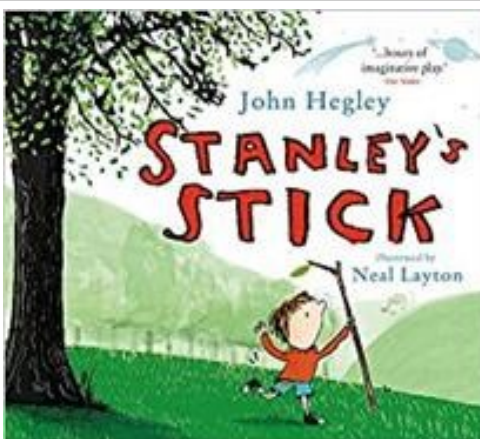
## Stanley's Stick Hunt

F1/2 have been extremely busy this half term. Our afternoon class welcomed new children from the 2 year provision, who have settled in quickly and are enjoying learning in the 'big' class.

We have been having lots of fun this half term learning our new story 'Stanley's Stick' by Neal Layton.

The children have been drawing story maps, acting out the story, drawing pictures and writing sentences.

Stanley has fantastic adventures with his stick, we decided to go on a stick hunt around our school environment and create our own adventures. Our sticks became fairy wands, lasers, a toothbrush, microphones, cricket bats, hats etc. The children enjoyed making up their own story and turning their



sticks into something else!

We then used our sticks in all areas of the provision from painting with them, using them as spoons in the home corner and writing with them in the sand. The children then discovered that the sticks floated when in the water tray. This led us onto investigating different things that float or sink. We carried out lots of investigations and asked lots of questions.



## The Big Event

Our special **Big Event** to reward every child who maintains good attendance is now only weeks away on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. We want everyone to make a really special effort to ensure at least 96% attendance this half term.

Keep doing everything you can to ensure your child is in school every day so that they can take part in this great day of fun activities. With that extra push from everyone we are confident we can achieve our school attendance target of 96%. **We can do it!**





# School Attendance

**Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!**

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

**Attendance overall including Foundation Stage:93%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage:94%**

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

**Attendance Panels are taking place on**

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	96%	94%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	96%	93%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	84%	92%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	94%	94%
Year 2: Miss Last	97%	95%
Year 3:Mrs Hollis	92%	95%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	92%	92%
Year 4/5 Miss Dobson	90%	91%
Year 5: Mr Clare	91%	93%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	93%	96%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	88%	93%

**Please Join us**

in St Josephs  
Meeting Room

**Cafe Joey**

plus Bring and Buy and Raffle  
on

**Saturday 13th May**

from 12 - 3pm

For light lunches, sandwiches and

lots of home-made cakes

All proceeds will be donated to

**Lourdes Nurses**

**Fund**



## Baptismal Preparation

If you wish to have your child baptised at  
St Joseph's church you will need to attend a  
Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 2pm

**Sunday 13th May**

in

St Alban's Parish Hall

You don't need to book a place,  
just come along for an informal hour  
of information and to collect  
an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the  
Parish Office to arrange a date



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 4th May 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

## First Holy Communion

Our sacramental programme for First Holy Communion will commence this term with a special Family Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at St Joseph's Church at 11.00am. The mass will be for all our children and their families in Year 3. It is particularly important that all children who are making their First Holy Communion attend this mass. We look forward to seeing you there. Please could we ask that children arrive in church by 10.50am.

Our first Holy Communion meeting for children and parents will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm in Church. The second meeting will be on the following Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the same time. If families have not yet chosen their preferred date for First Holy Communion they will need to confirm this at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May.



## Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation so on this day we will all be going to Church to celebrate this special Feast Day on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Mass will be at St Joseph's Church at 9.30am. It would be lovely if you could join us there.



## Year 6

Our Year 6 children have continued to work incredibly hard this half term as their SATs approach. We are immensely proud of their unstinting effort and determination both this term and throughout the year. It is more important now than ever that all children in Year 6 are in school every day and are on time so that important learning is not missed.



We wish all our children so much luck in test week which will take place over 4 days starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. They have been brilliant and they all deserve the very best, which I am sure they will achieve.

## Sports Day

In view of the difficulties we had last year having to postpone and reschedule Sports Days due to bad weather we have decided to set our dates earlier in the year. Sports day dates for each Key Stage are given below:

### Foundation Sports Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June - morning

### KS2 Sports Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June- afternoon

### KS1 Sports Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - afternoon



Let's hope the weather is kinder to us this year!

Every blessing  
Mrs Vernon

## Golden Assembly 4th May 2018

Mrs Walker	Poppy Freeman
Miss Howard	Blake Fletcher
Miss J Turner	Renee McNamarra Ellie-Mae Lockie
Miss Davies	Skarlette Field
Miss Last	Callum Charlesworth
Mrs Hollis	Rhian Vicary
Miss Finnigan	Jake Cullimore
Miss Dobson	Freya Sandalls- Faulner
Mr Clare	Caitlin Lockie
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Melissa Naylor
Mrs Morgan	Jadie-Leigh Johnson