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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone after the half term break and I hope that it was an enjoyable one for all our families. November is the traditional month to remember those who have died. Remembrance Sunday is this Sunday and the changing appearance of the trees at this time of year seems particularly poignant. In the hall there is a beautiful display telling us that 'In November we remember All Souls.' In school we are helping the children to appreciate these important traditions and the good and noble duty we have to pray for those who have died. Some of our children in Reception have written some very special personal notes to lost loved ones.

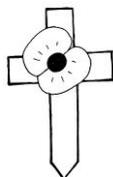
Thankyou letter from the food bank

Dear St Joseph's,

The committee of St Mary's Foodbank would like to say a great big thankyou to everyone who helped in contributing to the very generous food parcel donation we received from you following your school harvest festival! Our foodbank runs every Friday and without local contributions we would find it very difficult to offer a choice to the many people who regularly come. Once again we thank you for the efforts you have made which bring a little joy and comfort to those in need. May you receive many blessings!

Regards,

Deacon Geoff Spark



Our ethos statement for the week

I know what trust means.

Key Dates

Ground Force Day	Saturday 11 th November 9:30am -12:30pm
Year 1 trip to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet	Wednesday 15 th November
Children In Need Day (Non Uniform or wear something spotty)	Friday 17 th November
Enrichment Clubs begin	Monday 20 th November 2:45 - 3:45pm
Celebration of Learning Afternoon	Tuesday 21 st November
Flu Vaccination for R, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4.	Wednesday 22 nd November
Maples trip to Clifton Park Museum	Friday 24 th November
Christ the King Youth Mass at St Mary's Maltby	Sunday 26 th November 11am
Y6 trip to the Briars	Monday 27 th -29 th November
Read, Write Inc Phonics information meeting for parents.	Wednesday 29 th November 3:15pm
Penitential Service in School all parents welcome to attend	Tuesday 5 th December 9:30am
Reading Morning in school for all parents	Wednesday 6 th December am
Community Carol Concert at St Mary's Herringthorpe	Monday 11 th December 6pm
St Joseph's School Christmas Fayre	Friday 15 th December 2pm
EYFS Nativity	
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 20 th December 9:15am
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December

Non Uniform Day for Children in Need: Next Friday 17th November is Children In Need Day and children can come in Non -Uniform or wear something spotty for £1.

Stars of the Week Assembly
Stars of the Week - Friday 6th November

Reception Apple	Kye for a fantastic story board about 'Peace at Last' Ilja for trying hard to listen in class
Birch	Marta for her calm and patient nature and being a true role model. Latisha for beautiful singing during music
Cherry	Alexia: For producing some fantastic firework poetry Maja: For brilliant maths work using addition and subtraction.
Pines	Harley For being kind to others Max For improved ideas in writing
Maples	Kai For a fantastic week back with a great attitude Holly for always doing exactly the right thing first time
Oaks	Dominic For his great attitude to learning all week Abbie For always giving 100% and achieving the reading award
<p>Hero of the Dinner Hall Frances, Francesca & Jessica- for doing things without being asked. Star of the yard & Mr Hickey's Star of the Week Billy- for being a tremendous role model in and around school</p>	

Stars of the Week - Friday 27th October

Reception Apple	Eva for trying hard during phonics Euan for making good choices & being a good role model
Birch	Alfie for gaining confidence in his writing Charlie for trying hard and showing excellent maths skills
Cherry	Missi: For wonderful thoughtful work to do with Rosa Parks Imogen: For great contributions to our Rosa Parks work
Pines	Darcey For a super effort in literacy Max For improved ideas in writing
Maples	Daniella For being patient and helping others Billy for persevering with lots of challenging work
Oaks	Elle For 100% effort and attitude Lilly May For beautiful work on John the Baptist
<p>Hero of the Dinner Hall Samuel- for spotting and picking up things that need tidying away. Star of the yard Imogen- for being a such a kind friend Mr Hickey's Star of the Week Daniella- for always persevering when wanting to help others.</p>	

Groundforce Day at St Joseph's: Our ground force day will go ahead as planned tomorrow morning Saturday 11th November from 9:30am - 12:30pm. The school are looking for help to have an Autumn tidy up around the school grounds so that we can enhance and develop the outdoor areas for the children. Any help would be most appreciated even if you can spare half an hour. Many hands make light work! If any parents would like to help then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Phonics Club: The phonics club started last night with Miss Casson and this will run every Thursday for Y1's and Y2's from 3:15 - 4:15pm. If you would like your child to attend then please speak to Miss Casson.

Year 6 applications to secondary school: A reminder for parents of year 6 children to make sure that you apply for your child's secondary school place. You can apply online by 13th November 2017 and the final closing date is 30th November 2017. If you would like to request and application form the call 01709 823777.

Enrichment After School Clubs: There will be a selection of after school clubs delivered by staff in school starting on Monday 20th November. These will start at 2:45 and finish at 3:45. All children from reception to Y6 will be invited to attend the clubs. Children will be presented with the clubs on offer next week and they will have a choice to sign up to these. A letter will be sent home next week giving more information

School Disco: The school disco at the end of term was a great success and was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Mrs McCurrach and the school council for organising this and to all staff that stayed behind to help and dance with the children!

Ralph's Rock Up Football:

Where: Dinnington High School, Doe Quarry Lane, S25 2NZ
When: From 14th November 2017, Tuesday 4-5pm
Who for: Boys & Girls Under 16—
Physical/Visual/Hearing/Learning Impairments
Why: Make new friends, Have fun, Win football prizes Cost: £1 (First session free) Who to contact: Liam Kay (Dinnington High School)- 07990 584482

Thank you for reading this newsletter,
David Hickey