

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield

## School Bulletin - November 2016 Edition



### Section 48 Inspection

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a Section 48 inspection from the Diocese of Leeds. This inspection focusses on our effectiveness as a Catholic school, with particular focus on Religious Education, Collective Worship and the Catholic Life of the school. The inspector is Mr Shan Gallagher, who was formerly headteacher of St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School in Ampleforth. During the inspection, Mr Gallagher will be carrying a number of different types of monitoring which include interviews with staff and governors, lesson observations, looking at the pupils' books as well as talking to the children. Following the inspection, we will receive a report which will outline the school's strengths and areas for improvement. This will be published on the school website.



### Peer Counselling

In September, our Mini Vinnies received training on how to be peer counsellors. We have just started this in school, initially in Key Stage Two and children are able to talk to the counsellors about anything that might be worrying them. The counsellors keep the conversations confidential unless there is a safety concern and this is passed on to the adult who is supervising that day's counselling. It takes place in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please let me know if you would like any further information.



### Parent Meetings on Internet Safety

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be having two parents meetings on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9am and 2.15pm respectively, last around forty minutes, on internet safety. The purpose of the meetings is to explain some of the dangers of our online world for children and how we can protect them. If you would like to attend either of the meetings, please let Mrs Greene know which one you would like to attend, so that we can cater for numbers. Both meetings will cover the same content.



### Girls Football

Our last league matches before the winter break took place at Newsome on 19<sup>th</sup> October. We played three matches, winning all of them without conceding a goal. The girls are now unbeaten and are at the top of the league, halfway through the season. We're now looking forward to the floodlit tournaments this month!

Team: Amy, Isabella, Niamh, Megan, Grace, Micheala, Erin, Izzy and Rhiannan.



### Inspirational Speakers Programme

I have arranged for a number of successful men and women to come and speak to the children in Years Five and Six about their work and how they became successful. The purpose of the talks is to help to reinforce the good Attitudes to Learning that we have been instilling in the children and to give them an idea of the world of work and how to flourish there. The children will have the opportunity to ask the speakers questions about their work. The first speaker will be coming into school on the afternoon of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November



### Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all those who have sent back shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. Please could I ask that any remaining boxes are returned to school by Friday as they're being collected next week. The boxes are collected early in November as they're transported over land to keep costs down. We still have a few pre-wrapped boxes if you'd like to take part. Please ask me or one of the office staff for one. Once again, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.



### Year Five Floodlit Tournament

The first of this year's Floodlit Tournaments took place yesterday evening at Colne Valley High school. We played three games, with one win, 3-1 against Brockholes and two defeats, 2-0 to Honley and 5-1 to Christchurch. Our goalscorers were Riley (2) and Ciaran. Man of the match was awarded to Riley. Thank you to Mrs Brennan and Mrs Greene for taking charge of the team.

**Team:** Jai, Sam, Evan, Riley, Tom, Ciaran, Patrick, Kian and Evan.



### **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

As in previous years, we are supporting this very worthwhile cause. Our House Captains and Head Boy and Girl will be selling poppies and other small merchandise items throughout this week. We will be having services of remembrance on Friday morning to mark Armistice Day.



### **Voluntary Contribution Scheme**

Many thanks to those parents who responded to our letter about the Voluntary Contribution Scheme (VCS). The VCS helps us to pay the 10% liability that we have in order to access extra funding to improve our buildings. In the past, through the VCS, we have been able to fund projects such as a complete rewire of our Junior Block and a refurbishment of the school kitchen. At October half-term, we had a partial rewire of the Infant Block. Please could I ask all families to consider supporting the VCS, so that we're able to bid for and use additional funds to help make our school buildings as good as they can be for our children and the staff that work here - thank you!



### **School Family Mass**

The school family Mass for this month takes place at English Martyrs' Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. Please join us for this celebration of the Eucharist. I'm always looking for new children to volunteer to either read or carry the Offertory Gifts. Please let me know if you would like your child to take part in the Mass in either of these roles.



### **Driveway and Staff Car Park**

Could I remind everyone that they shouldn't use the staff car park or park on the driveway that leads up to school and English Martyrs' Church at the beginning or end of the school day, unless you have an agreement with school because, for example, either you or your child has difficulty with mobility. We have a large staff, as well as many deliveries during the day, not to mention the Kirklees School Transport minibuses that bring and collect children. This does not apply to parents who are bringing their children to or collecting them from the Out of School Club. Please help us to keep the staff car park and driveway clear for essential vehicles that need to use these areas. Thank you.



### Street Dance Performance

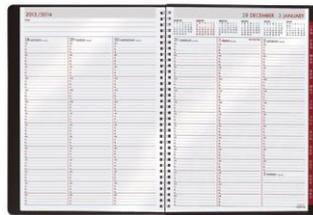
This term's Street Dance Performance will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Junior Hall. All the children who have taken part in the lunchtime clubs this term will be involved and family and friends are invited to come and watch them perform.

## CAKE SALE



### Last Friday's Cake Sale

Congratulations to the enterprising girls in Mrs Bainbridge's class who ran last week's cake sale. They'd wanted to raise money for classroom equipment and raised £34 from selling to children in Lower Key Stage Two. Well-done to the girls and thank you to everyone who supported the sale on the day.



### Dates for your Diary

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2.40pm Mr Fawcett's Class Assembly

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm School Family Mass

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Miss Horrocks' Class Parent Meetings

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 4pm Year Six Football Floodlit Tournament

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am Mrs Flemming's Class Mass in Church

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9am & 2.15pm Parent Information Meetings on Internet Safety

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2pm Parents Forum

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Olympic Assemblies for Key Stages One and Two

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Girls Football Floodlit Tournament

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.10am Miss Horrock's Class Mass in Church

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am Miss Hutchings Class Mass in Church

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