

# ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 17/05/2013

### Term 5 ~ Week 5

#### Dates For Your Diary

<b>May</b>	
Monday 20th	Walk To School Week
Tuesday 21st	12.45pm - Ash Class - Bookfeast @ Pitt Rivers 2.00pm - Fir Class Prayers
Wednesday 22nd	8.00am - Walking Train @ Cutteslowe 9.45 - Yew Class - Bookfeast @ Ashmolean
Thursday 23rd	10.10am - Yew Class Assembly
Friday 24th	Fir & Ash Classes - Cogges Farm Visit <b>3.00PM - END OF TERM 5</b>
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3rd	<b>8.40AM - START OF TERM 6</b>
Thursday 6th	10.10am - Elm Class Assembly 1.30pm - Whole School Corpus Christi Mass at school - parents welcome
Tuesday 11th	Year 3 - Pitt Rivers Visit

#### This Week's House Point Totals

Ashmolean 107   Bodleian 160   Radcliffe 126   Sheldonian 108

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have noticed that we have introduced a new element in the newsletter 'Review of the Week'. This is partly in response to some of the feedback that we had from parents at the Parent/Governor AGM who felt that they would benefit from some more information about what their children had been learning in school. The entries will be composed with the children at the end of each week - they certainly give an idea of the diversity and richness of the 'Creative Curriculum'. For my part I'll provide an overview of our assembly themes. Happy reading!

Finally a big well done to the Year 6 pupils who set about their Key Stage 2 SATS with such maturity this week. I had to sit in and invigilate the Level 6 SATS papers on Thursday - all I can say is rather than me! The signs were good as nobody downed tools after 5 minutes!

A big thank you to Mrs. Brookes and her team for preparing the children so well and administering the whole process so smoothly - no easy task with 60 pages of guidance and strict storage and packing instructions, a bit like an IKEA flat pack assembly from hell.

Have a lovely weekend. Tom Walker - Headteacher.

#### Prayer

*As we look forward to Pentecost this Sunday we remember the gift to the Holy Spirit. God has shown us love and kindness. God's Holy Spirit washes us clean from all we used to do that was fooling and wrong and give us new life. Amen.* From Paul's letter to Titus.

#### Aristotle Cup - Sunday 7th July 2013

The annual Aristotle Cup takes place on Sunday 7th July at 2.00pm at St Philip & James (players should arrive at 1.30pm). We need parents to volunteer to coordinate each class team and the additional 2 girls teams (KS1 and KS2). Please contact Konrad Jacobs at [kvajacobs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kvajacobs@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you.

#### Review of the Week

**Oak Class** - This week Oak Class have made paper mache balloons for 3D Aztec masks. We have also been writing letters to Willy Wonka.

**Ash Class** - This week Ash Class have been practising LOTS of tests and how we can answer questions better. Most of us thought this was really exciting. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication, divisions and rounding numbers to the nearest lot of ten. We have enjoyed doing tasks to complete "Bilbo Baggins's Journey".

#### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please remember to ask for your vouchers when you are shopping at Sainsbury's. The collection box is located outside the school office.

**Yew Class** - In Yew Class this week we have made advertising posters, found out how a watermill works, learnt about different methods of subtraction, capacity, solids and liquids, statements and questions. We are making lino cuts and SINGING.

**Elm Class** - On Tuesday, Elm Class had a class Mass with Fr. Daniel in The Courtyard. He said his first Mass was 12 years ago. On Wednesday we had a spring clean in the classroom. Miss Wade put us into different groups. We all had different duties to help us to keep the room clean and tidy. We were visited by a girl from Oxford High School who read with some children.

**Tigger Class** - We have been planning our teddy bear picnic, we have all made a list of the picnic items we need and we have made invitations for the teddy bears too. Now all we need is good weather! We also made and decorated teddy bears with arms and legs that move.

**Willow Class** - Although SATs week is always a trial for both students and staff, it's fair to say that all rose to the challenge. The children coped admirably and all the preparation over the past weeks (and years) should be reflected in their results. Mrs. Brookes ensured the class worked and played hard (regular breaks for juice and Jaffa cakes). We celebrated the end of the tests with a superb cake baked by Lili Casey (Master Baker). Well done to all involved.

**Fir Class** - This week Fir Class have had a visit from a fire engine, danced "Where the Wild Things Are" and learnt about bees. The fire engine "was brilliant" (Lev), "I liked it when the fireman read us a story" (Isolde), "He was very funny" (Meg), "I liked it when the fire engine came unexpectedly" (Charlie), "I liked it when we squirted with the hose" (Rebecca), "I didn't like getting wet" (Rita), "I loved the powerful hose" (Vitinho), "I loved the dancing" (Brandon), "I liked it when we did bees" (Mats), "I like it when I go to Read Write Inc." (Luca).



**Bay Class** - This week we have been learning about Maths. What we did was probability. We looked at different sentences and put them on a scale. Some of the sentences were about dice. The different points on the scale were; certain, unlikely, likely and impossible and we had to judge the sentence and mark it with the probability. We also learnt about angles (please can parents practise using protractors with us at home). This is what we have been learning about this week.

#### Walk to School Week 20th -24th May

We are hoping that as many children as possible will take the opportunity to walk to school next week. Mrs. Kempton has organised a 'Walking Bus' from Cutteslowe Park (8.00am Leave Cutteslowe Car Park near Harbord Road) on the morning of Wednesday the 22nd If you would like to join in with this initiative, just turn up at Cutteslowe Car Park - the more the merrier!

#### Choir & Music Group - Term 6

Please note there will not be any Choir or Music Group in Term 6.

#### School Uniform

School uniform is now available to purchase on-line. Please see the attached letter for further information. The website for our school uniform is <http://stevensons.co.uk/School/StAloysiusCatholicPrimarySchoolOxford/Browse>



#### School Motto

Be ambitious for the higher gifts.

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