

ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 05/07/19 Summer Term ~ Edition 3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2019

Monday 8th	Year 5 & 6 Chance To Shine Cricket
Tuesday 9th	Joseph & His Technicolour Dreamcoat (Year 5/6) - 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal - 6.00pm Performance
Wednesday 10th	Tigger Class - Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip Willow Class - Cherwell Health & Science Day
Thursday 11th	Year 2 Fig Class - Far Peak Trip
Friday 12th	Acorn Class - Farmer Gow's Trip
Saturday 13th	St. Aloysius' Summer Fair
Monday 15th	9.30am - Sports Day (Tuesday 16th - Reserve Sports Day), St. Edwards School
Wednesday 17th	9.30AM - ACORN NURSERY SPORTS DAY 10.00am - Drumming Assembly
Thursday 18th	Year 6 Leaver's Lunch
Friday 19th	2.00pm - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
Monday 22nd	Year 5 & 6 Chance To Shine Cricket 1.30pm - Year 2 Creation Theatre Performance
Wednesday 24th	9.30AM - End of Term Mass, School Hall 1.00pm - END OF SUMMER TERM

FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents & Carers, Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our school in so many ways during the last few weeks. The musical evening was a great success. Thank you to all the performers and Kate Joyce, Pauline Broadway, Jo Clarke and Metaxia and Sophocles Mavroeidis who made it all happen. Miss Joyce has already spent the money raised on much needed musical instruments. The Help at Home sponsorship has proved to be a great success as well. This is fantastic news as it means we can go ahead with ordering much needed laptops for the school and do not have to dip into our core funding. Thank you Mrs Clarke for the idea. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Lavety, Fr. Oliver, Fr Joseph and Brother Benedict for preparing our First Holy Communion children so well. It was a lovely service. Also thank you to the army of Year 4 mothers who helped set up the tea and clear it all away. You did a fantastic job. I hope you all enjoy the weekend. Tom Walker - Headteacher.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO OUR PARENTS AND THEIR AMAZING GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT (see below)

Musical Soirée - raised £1,203.86. **Help at Home** - **£2,304.00 SO FAR ...**
Fr. Hudson Good Shepherd Appeal - our school donated £452.54.
Cookery Book - £300.00 (approximately) with only 40 left to sell.
International Day Bring and Share - £218.00. **Fir Class Cake Sale** - £128.00 (used to replace puzzles, number boards, counting book, etc.).
Festival of Voices (Year 6) Total raised £2,511.65 (for Save The Children - the night we performed was the night the most was raised).

After School Club - IMPORTANT NOTICE

We can no longer take bookings for children after 2.30pm. This is to ensure children are informed and that appropriate arrangements have been made for them at the end of the day. As the office is so busy, we cannot guarantee getting messages to children after 2.30pm. Can parents also ensure your children know they are attending ASC, this saves the office time in delivering messages to individual children.

School Meals

Please note, the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.40 per day in September (Years 3 upwards).

Musical Soirée - Message from Kate Joyce

Please can I say a massive thank you to everyone who helped organise, performed or attended the music evening at school last weekend. The atmosphere was brilliant and we raised a phenomenal amount of money to spend on instruments and music tuition for the school.



INTERNATIONAL DAY



THIS TERM'S HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Ashmolean 354 Bodleian 349 Radcliffe 264 Sheldonian 259

SPRING Term House Point Cup Winners - **BODLEIAN**

THIS TERM'S VIRTUES

This term we are trying hard to be Intentional and Prophetic.

THIS DAY

Quietly, I look back over this day. I call to mind the things and the people I have encountered in the course of this day and what I have thought, said and done. Loving Father, I thank you for this day and for all the good things I have experienced. Forgive me, wherever I have sinned against you, against others or myself. Amen.

OUR 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.

PIA Summer Fair

Saturday 13th July

12.00 to 3.00pm

Fun for All the Family

ST. ALOYSIUS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please remember to book your After School Club sessions **online** via the Schoolgateway app. **No bookings after 2.30pm.** Dates are now available for this Summer Term. Dates for the whole academic year of 2019/20 will be uploaded soon. If you want any further information, please speak to Jo or Chris in the school office.



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CLASS REVIEWS

Oak Class - As we come to the end of the year Oak Class has been a hive of activity. Last week we said farewell to Miss Hunter with a 1940's VE Day tea party. The children all had great fun eating scones with cream and jam and singing a song that we created for the occasion. We were also joined by three children from the Chatterbox School. We would like to thank (James', from Year 2, Mum) who facilitated an Anglo Saxon story telling workshop. The children took on a variety of roles and brought these traditional tales to life for us all. We are focusing on geometry in Maths and have created some fantastic 3D shapes. We have written some very expressive poems that tell the story of Snow White, from the evil queen to the dwarves. Through our studies of the environment throughout the year, the children have grown a very strong sense of the strength of the human spirit. We are now exploring the geography of the world and discussing how our life experiences are very different depending on where you live.

First Holy Communion

We would like to congratulate all those boys and girls who made their First Communion on 22nd June. It was a wonderful day. The children had prepared during the past month and came together with reverence and great excitement to receive the Blessed Sacrament. We would like to thank those parents from Ash Class who ensured the children had a wonderful breakfast following the service to celebrate the event. We would also like to thank Brother Benedict for helping to prepare the children and Father Joseph who celebrated the Mass. Mr. King Bravo also kindly offered his services as the event's official photographer. These photographs are available for a nominal fee from Mr. King Bravo.



Tigger Class - The highlight of the week for the Tiggers has been coming back from the weekend to discover our butterflies have emerged from the chrysalises! We learned how to feed them now they are butterflies. Tiggers have really enjoyed writing signs and information books about the butterflies. We will be releasing them into the wild at the end of the week. Last week we welcomed our exchange students from Sardinia. I was so proud of the Tiggers for being so kind and friendly. We were keen to find out about Sardinia and this led us to finding out all about each other's nationalities. The children enjoyed sharing which countries they are from, the languages they speak and traditions they have. This week we have been wild about Africa! We have been learning about animals that live in Africa, ready for our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park next week!

Fir Class - Fir Class have been working very hard to begin to understand simple multiplication and division. They have done lots of practical work grouping and sharing objects... this was great fun when they were allowed to draw with whiteboard pens on the tables! We have had a music afternoon where the children listened to Carnival of the Animals and talked about the various instruments in the orchestra and then the children played some of the school instruments. In Literacy, Fir Class have been doing grammar work and in RE the children have continued to think about how they follow Jesus in their everyday lives. In Art the children loved doing lots of printing based on paintings they had designed. Fir Class never cease to be a busy creative class.

Willow Class - In Willow Class this week we have been preparing for our production of 'Joseph'. The children have been amazing - singing their hearts out and learning their lines very quickly. A special thank you

goes to Hannah and Frieda Uhlig who have worked hard sewing the dreamcoat by hand! In addition to this, the children have started their PSHE work on the changes in their bodies as they grow, the children have impressed me with their mature questions and responses. Finally, we have produced some fantastic art work based on famous paintings of the Virgin Mary, the children wrote prayers of intercession to Mary around their paintings, they will be on display soon.

Fig Class - It has been lovely to get back into the routine of teaching Fig Class full time, although we really enjoyed having Miss Mclean in our class for the last eight weeks. Last Wednesday we held a pirate party, and all the children looked great in their costumes. We played battleships (renamed Pirate Battles) and practised the skills of coordinates that we had learned in a recent Maths lesson, and played games that the children had made based on the game of snakes and ladders. The shortbread biscuits the children baked ready for the party were very tasty, I think we have some good cooks in the class. In Maths, we are revisiting activities linked to position and direction finding out about clockwise and anticlockwise turns, 90, 180, 270 and 360 degree turns and coordinates and using this knowledge to write algorithms to program a floor robot (roamer) through a maze. We are continuing with our topic about the sea, we have learned about the features of a coastline, found out about the affect of pollution in the sea and now we are moving on to life under the sea. In RE, we have been looking at the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the disciples and how it changed them and about why the Oil of Chrism is used when Catholics are confirmed. We are all looking forward to the trip to Far Peak next week and are hoping that the weather will be sunny.

Ash Class - Ash Class have been busy with our learning. In English we have enjoyed learning poems for homework and performing these in class in a Poetry Showcase. We talked about what a good audience looks like and enjoyed listening to each performance. Following this, we were inspired to write our own poems about the ocean, exploring artwork based on the theme of the ocean and then using our words to describe a scene in our poems. As we enjoyed making our class non-fiction book about oceans, we have now decided to create a class poetry book as well to take up to Year 5 with us. In Maths we have continued to apply our knowledge of decimals and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to converting between measures including money, length and weight. In Science, we have started a new topic: Light. We have explored shadows and know that these are an absence of light. In RE we have written about the Eucharist, showing a deep understanding and good application of knowledge and this week we have explored the beginning of Mark's Gospel, discussed The Good News and what this means to Christians.

Acorn Class - With Summer finally underway, we decided to take a closer look at the natural world around us by learning all about mini beasts. The children enjoyed going on mini beast hunts outside to see what they could find and quickly learnt the names of many little creatures as well as where they could be found. We even brought the outdoors indoors by creating some beautiful butterfly and caterpillars to decorate the classroom! We are now looking at farming, learning about the kind of animals we might find there and why and what is involved in the day to day running of a farm. Hopefully our efforts should pay off by the time we visit Farmer Gow's as we should all be experts! We are busy recapping the letter sounds we have looked at so far and strengthening counting skills within and up to ten. Name writing and recognition is also a key skill we are focusing on for those children who, unbelievably, will be leaving Acorns soon to move into Reception!

ACORN SPORTS DAY - Wednesday 17th July 9.30am

Bay Class - Bay Class are drawing closer to the end of Year 5 yet they are still working hard (of course). In English, we have started doing some persuasive writing, where they have formed an argument question and they are now trying to find facts to corroborate the points they are making. For Grammar, we have also looked carefully at how we should use semi colons and colons correctly and they will need to do some work at home on this. In Maths, we are currently working on a unit on position and shape, where they have found coordinates and reflected and translated shapes. They have picked this up really quickly and I have been impressed by the number of children that I have been able to challenge. Lastly, we have done some art work on perspective drawing and they have practised drawing 3D shapes and will be going on to creating these into their own shapes.



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