

# St. Joseph's Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

What an exciting week all round! The Catholic Church was celebrating on Sunday as Pope Francis canonised John Henry Newman – he will now be the first English Saint for over 50 years. The children heard all about his life and work during assembly on Monday and learnt 5 facts about him. One of the things John Henry Newman did was to write many poems and hymns – I set the children a challenge to try and write a hymn to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and it was wonderful to be invited into Year 2 who rose to this challenge very well!

The Davies Room has been a bit like a tardiest this week as the Key Stage 2 children have been enhancing their History learning with The History Man. You may have seen the photos on our Facebook Page of the children in the different classes. Year 3 studied The Stone Age; Year 4 looked at The Romans, Year 5 are learning more about The Anglo-Saxons and Year 6 are furthering their knowledge of The Victorians. Hopefully you will have heard all about it from your children.

Class 4 also went to the Droitwich Heritage Centre on Wednesday. Milena, James and Diego came to tell me all about it:

‘We walked to the Heritage Centre (near the Library) and learned lots of information about Droitwich. The Romans settled in Droitwich because there was so much salt in the River Salwarpe. We know the Romans settled here because they left villages, roads and houses. There used to be a fort on the top of Dodderhill and there was lots of expensive pottery called Samien Ware. After we had listened, we designed our own shields and had a wordsearch and a quiz! We also had a chance to go into a small museum room at the Heritage Centre. It was very interesting at the Heritage Centre.’

Next week sees our very first Local Studies Week. As part of the exciting curriculum we offer at St Joseph's, we decided to explore the History and Geography we have right on our doorstep! There are a range of activities being provided for the children: Canal walks and studies, Visits to Sacred Heart Church, visits to the Norbury Theatre and the Library and Mapping Skills around the Town. The Year 6 class are starting to look at the Industrial Revolution and the effect it had on Droitwich and they are also finding out about John Corbett (The Salt King).



Sometimes we forget about the wealth of opportunities which are close to where we live so it's a great learning experience for the children. There is a second local studies week planned for the beginning of May.

Some of you may have seen us in the Worcester News earlier this week – unfortunately the parking has really got out of hand and we are very worried there may be an accident. May I encourage you all to drive and park safely, responsibly and with thoughts for our neighbours. Don't forget you can also use the Leisure Centre car park and walk across to St Joseph's which is a much safer option. Please be careful.

Mr Turner has organised football matches tonight after school against Holy Redeemer; good luck boys and I'll be keeping my fingers crossed for the weather!

Congratulations also to Mrs McCracken who is performing in Annie at the Norbury Theatre for the next two weeks; the staff who went to see her yesterday were very impressed and it was great to see some ex-pupils also performing.

Please remember that we will be breaking up on Thursday 23rd October as there is a Teacher Day on Friday where staff will be looking at the School Mission Statement.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cath Bryan

### Virtue Certificates

Reception– Dexter

Class 1– Rya

Class 2– Alex

Class 3– Weronika

Class 4– Filip

Class 6 –Natalia

### House Points

St. George's –650

St. Andrew's –1021

St. Patrick's –916

St. David's –877



## Coming Soon - Rags 2 Riches

Help us to raise money from your old clothes.

Bags will be issued shortly to allow us to raise money via Rags 2 Riches.

If you are having a clear out over the half term holidays of old clothes, please keep them to send into school in your Rags 2 Riches bag.

More details to follow

Thank you for your support



## Hot School Lunches

Please make sure you order hot lunches for your child for the start of next half term, 4th November.

Why not do it now?

Many thanks



## Staff Training

Please remember that Friday 25th October is staff training and so **school is not open for children.**

Enjoy the extended half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 4th November 2019.

Thank you

## Smartie Tubes

The children will have enjoyed eating their Smarties by now so can we please ask that any outstanding filled Smartie tubes be brought into school by Thursday 24th October.

Thank you





Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 23rd October	4.00–7.00	Parents Evening
Thursday 24th October		Children Break up for Half Term
Friday 25th October		TEACHER TRAINING DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4th November		Return to School
Wednesday 6th November	3.15–5.15	Parents Evening
Wednesday 6th November		Flu Vaccines-Reception-Year6
Friday 8th November		Individual School Photos, plus siblings/family photo
Wednesday 13th November		Panto
Friday 15th November	9.00am	Class 3 Assembly
Thursday 28th November	9.00am	Year 6 Mass and Confession
Monday 2nd December	10.30am	Advent Service
Tuesday 3rd December	7.00pm	Confirmation Year 6 Sacred Heart
Monday 9th December	TBC	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production - More details to follow
Tuesday 10th December	TBC	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production - More details to follow
Monday 16th December	TBC	Pre-school Christmas Play - More details to follow
Wednesday 18th December		Christmas Party Day - More details to follow
Thursday 19th December	10.30am	Nativity Mass
Friday 20th December		Break Up for Christmas
Tuesday 7th January 2020		Return to School

## Book Fair

The book fair is here and will be set up for both parents evenings– Wednesday 23rd October and Wednesday 6th November. Keep an eye out for the posters for additional times.

