



# Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	CONCERNING
29th Jan	Bed Time Story event 6.00pm - 6.45pm	Reception class and their parents
3rd Feb	Parent Focus Group - starting at 1.30pm	By invitation
4th Feb	Shape and Measures Workshop - 9.15am - 11.15am	Reception class parents
4th Feb	Parent Focus Group - starting at 7.00pm	By invitation
6th Feb	First Friday Mass - <b>NO BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	All invited
6th Feb	Year 4 Backstage tour of Waterside Theatre	Year 4
Week beg 9th Feb	Spring Progress Reports to parents	All Classes
9th Feb	Year 4 Tudor walk around Aylesbury	Year 4
11th Feb	Year 6 Residential Trip meeting - starting at 7.00pm	Year 6
12th Feb	Year 3 Aylesbury Museum Stone Age workshop	Year 3
13th Feb	School closes for half term holiday at 3.15pm	All Classes
13th Feb	PTA Mufti Day - Wear something red for Valentine's Day	All classes
23rd Feb	School re-opens - <b>BREAKFAST CLUB IS OPEN</b>	All Classes
24th Feb	PTA meeting - starting at 6.00pm	All parents
26th Feb	Young Shakespeare Company performance to Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
5th Mar	Class photos of Reception and Year 6 only	Reception and Year 6
6th Mar	<b>INSET DAY - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL</b>	All Classes
9th - 13th Mar	Residential Visit to Boreatton Park	Year 6
10th Mar	Year 5 to RAF Halton Museum	Year 5
13th Mar	Mothers' Day Assembly - starting at 10.15am	Ladies only!

## St Louis Catholic Primary School Newsletter - January 2015



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the January newsletter. Christmas and New Year probably seem a long time ago now! As January comes to an end we have lots of good news to report (and many people to thank!)

### RECEPTION CLASS 'POST OFFICE'

Thank you to those people who sent their Christmas cards to the 'Post Office' in the Reception class last term. £52.58 was raised! In addition Mrs Louisy donated 50p for each card she received (via the Post Office) making a grand total of £100 which will be sent to 'Macmillan Cancer Care'.



### 'THANK YOU' TO THE PTA

We are very lucky at St Louis to have a very active and supportive PTA who go to great lengths to raise funds for much needed resources! These are things that we could not normally afford from the school budget. In recent weeks we have purchased several items that the PTA have agreed to fund. They are:

- £500 worth of reading books
- Play equipment for Early Years
- The cost of a 'Young Shakespeare Company' performance for Key Stage 2.
- 5 Lunch box trollies.
- Heavy duty mobile coat rail and other storage equipment.



Thank you to the PTA and to you as parents, for supporting their events.

### DON'T FORGET

Important dates attached to this newsletter:

- 6th February - First Friday Mass - NO BREAKFAST CLUB.
- Week beginning 9th February - Spring progress reports out to parents
- 13th February - Last day of half term. School closes at 3.15pm.
- 13th February - PTA Mufti day - Wear red for Valentines Day - fine £1.
- 23rd February - School re-opens - BREAKFAST CLUB IS OPEN.



## WILLIAM HARDING TRUST



Following a successful bid to the William Harding Trust for additional ICT equipment and facilities you will see that many new resources will be provided over the next few weeks. These include:

- The installation of Wi Fi allowing ICT equipment to be used anywhere in the school.
- A set of 19 laptops and charging cabinet that classes can use anywhere in the school.
- The new SEN room (mobile classroom) will be networked to the rest of the school.
- Smartboards will be installed in the SEN room and music room.
- 15 FUZE boxes to be used by Years 5 and 6. (see an explanation of them below!)
- 6 Beebots (programmable 'robots') to be used by Reception.



## BETTS EXHIBITION

On 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015, 5 KS2 pupils went into London by train. They had a look around the BETT exhibition in the ExCel arena. The main exhibit that they looked at was the FUZE stand. The main reason why we came to this stand in particular is because our school is lucky enough to be getting 15 FUZE-boxes!! They are small boxes with a built in keyboard that connect to a computer monitor and allow the children to code! They are very easy and fun to use and will benefit the children hugely! The children were lead to the Samsung 'Smart Classroom' where they were taught how to use these incredible machines by the amazing TV presenters Dick and Dom, who gave them a



live coding lesson! The FUZE-box has lots of incredible features that the school will be able to use to teach the children! Soon our school will be able to make a start on using these, with the 5 pupils that came along teaching them how to use them. Our school really look forwards to getting our hands on our very own FUZE-boxes on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015, with the inventor coming to fit them!

By Thomas Chilvers, Year 6

## DROPPING LITTER

We have been contacted by some of the local residents to say that some children are dropping sweet wrappers and crisp packets as they leave the school at the end of the day. If your child is lucky enough to have sweets or crisps to eat on the way home from school, please make sure that they take the litter home with them to dispose of. Thank you.

## STAR PUPILS

- ★ Aisling Merrison in Year 6 took her bronze medal exams in ballet and modern dance on 8th January and got a Highly Commended in ballet and Commended in modern dance! Well done Aisling!
- ★ Congratulations to Saoirse Banert, also in Year 6 who won a trophy at her squad's swimming presentation on 9th January. She won it for listening well and always trying her hardest. Well done Saoirse!



We have been lucky enough to have recently received new reading books funded by the PTA. In addition, we often have books donated by parents whose children have grown out of them.

Please can you encourage your children to look after these books and return them to school in good condition as we would like our children to continue to enjoy using them for as long as possible.

Some of our 'bookworms' have a tendency to accumulate school books at home. If you find that your child has built up a collection of books belonging to the school please bring them into the school office so that other children can enjoy reading them too! Thank you.



## FOOTSTEPS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The school runs a pedestrian road safety training programme for children in Year 2 called 'Footsteps' on Friday afternoons.

We need another volunteer to help with this programme. There will be a small amount of training in April with a view to replacing one of our existing volunteers in September.

If you are able to help with this or would like more information please contact the school office.

## PE KIT AMNESTY

We have PE kit available in school for children who genuinely forget their kit to borrow. Unfortunately, in recent months, a lot of it has not been returned. If you find any PE kit at home that does not belong to your child, please send it in to the office.