#### The Week Ahead

Monday 30th January

Y3 Gospel assembly 2.45 pm Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Wednesday 1st February

Get off stabilisers sessions 9-10:15am and 11-12:15pm

Toddler group 9:15am-10:30 am

Y6 SATS booster 3.15 – 4.30 pm

Y1/2 After school Gymnastics club 3:15-4:15pm

# Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Y4 residential information session for parents

## **Class Led Gospel Assemblies**

Each class takes a turn at leading our Gospel assemblies on Monday afternoons at 2:45pm. You are always welcome to join with us. The following classes will be leading assemblies up to half term.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February Year 2 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February Year 1

#### **KS1 Sats information session**

There will be a meeting for Y2 parents on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15 pm to explain about Key Stage 1 Sats and how you can support your child at home. Children will be supervised during the meeting by a member of staff.

# Y4 residential

This year we are offering Year 4 the opportunity to experience a one night residential at Kingswood Dearne Valley from Tuesday 25th April- Wednesday 26th April 2017. There will be an information session for parents to find out more information next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.15 pm. Children will be supervised during the meeting by a member of staff.

# Jess cup

The Jess cup is presented once a week to a child who staff consider shows impeccable behaviour and makes an exceptional contribution to the life of the school. The winner last week was Aoife Reavy Congratulations, Aoife!

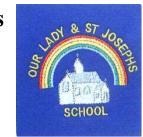
#### **Learn to Ride without stabilisers!**

As part of our school's involvement with Sustrans' Bike It project, we are organising 'Get off Stabilisers' sessions aimed at pupils who have not yet learnt to ride a bike without stabilisers. The sessions will take place on the schools playground between 9-10:15 and 11-12:15, a parent carer will need to be present on the day. See letter for further details.

# Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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# Thursday 26th January 2017

#### Reading

Reading is a key skill children need to be successful learners. The number of children who have now got their prize for reading 50 times this year is growing quickly since we came back to school.

In KS1 children read their Read Write Inc. books as part of every session; these books are kept in school. Children have another reading session once a week when they read a colour coded or book banded reading book which they bring home to read again. Although they will have already have read this book once in school, they need to read it again and again to build up their confidence and fluency. Practice is really important in becoming a confident reader.

KS2 use a whole class approach to the teaching of reading from Y3 onwards. All children work through a class text every week with their class teacher. Children have an individual reading book to read at home.

# How often should my child read at home?

Children are expected to read three times a week as part of their home work.

#### Why are books colour banded?

Book banding is a way of judging the difficulty of a book. Each year group has an expected level or levels a child must be reading comfortably at in order to be considered reading at the level expected for their age.

#### How does school use the reading diary?

School uses the diary to see what reading your child has done at home in the previous week. We also use it to celebrate a child's commitment to their reading and reward them each time they have read twenty five times.

#### Attendance last week

F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
91.7%	92%	96.3%	98.3%	94.5%	93.5%	98.3%

Congratulations to Y3 and Y6. Well done.

# **First Holy Communion**

If any child in Y3 or above is interested in making their First Holy Communion this year, please contact Fr Evangelist, Mrs Lambert on 07763538839 or Mrs Featherstone-Bennett on 01709 879313 for more information.

# **Kindness Awards**

Molly Stacey, Lacey Churton, Ruby Oates and Thomas Davies were nominated by their peers for a kindness award this week. Well done!

#### Dates for your diary

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for the half term holiday		
Monday 27th February	School opens after the half term holiday		
Tuesday 28th February	Sponsored Toss the Pancake event		
Wednesday 1st March	Ash Wednesday		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day		
Tuesday 28th March	Y2 to visit Institute of Sport-Sheffield		
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Open evening		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 to visit Institute of Sport-Sheffield		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for the Easter holidays		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for the summer term		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 residential to Kingswood		
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 visit to Sheffield Theatre-further details to follow		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Sats week		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for the half term holiday		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens after the half term holiday		
Wednesday 28th June to 30th June.	Y6 residential to Castleton		
Friday 21st July	School closes for the summer holidays		

#### Next week's dinner menu

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
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Red	Savoury	Italian	Chicken	Roast	Harry Ramsden's		
	Mince &	Chicken	Curry with	Chicken	Battered Fish		
	Dumplings	Pasta	Naan	with Sage &			
			Bread	Onion			
				Stuffing			
Yellow	Quorn	Cheese &	Cheese	Vegetable	Quorn		
	Cottage Pie	Tomato	Flan	Lasagne	Bolognaise		
		Pizza					
Green	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings						
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Blue-	Tuna	Cheese	Ham	Turkey	Egg Mayonnaise		
Sandwich	Mayonnaise						
	Creamed	Seasoned	Diced	Roast /	Chips		
	Potatoes	Potato	Potatoes	Creamed	Garlic Bread		
		Wedges	Boiled	Potatoes			
		Garlic	Rice				
		Bread					
	Seasonal	Seasonal	Seasonal	Seasonal	Seasonal		
	Vegetables	Vegetables	Vegetables	Vegetables	Vegetables		
	Lemon	Bakewell	Iced	Fruit	Banoffee Slice &		
	Drizzle Cake	Tart &	Sponge &	Crumble &	Custard		
	& Custard	Custard	Custard	Custard			
					Rice Crispy Bun		
	Cookie &	Fruit	Chocolate	Australian	& Milk		
	Juice	Sundae	Mousse	Crunch			

# **Special diners**

George Morton, Esme Beevers, Rosie Gillespie, Oliver Smith, Molly Stacey, Joshua Coates, Charlie Wilson and Katarzyna Burgiel.

# **School Website**

Each class has a blog on the school website where you can see what your child's class has been doing during the week. Please take a look at the work they have done.

# **Parking**

Please note that parents should not use the school drive to turn their cars around because it obstructs children as they are walking to school.