

This newsletter includes some of the highlights that we've experienced over the last 11 weeks of school and celebrates some of the fantastic charity and community work in which the school has been involved.

In this newsletter we have updates from across a variety of subject areas and we're also providing important upcoming dates.

You may have seen our standings in league tables recently in the local press, but we're delighted to announce that for the progress 8 measure we are Salisbury's highest attaining non selective school with a provisional progress 8 score of 0.21. This score also puts us in the top 15% of schools nationally for this measure. This is testament to the great teamwork shown by all stakeholders in the school – you as parents, our pupils and our hardworking and passionate staff!

I hope that everyone in our community has a restful and enjoyable christmas break following the very busy start to the academic year.

### International Day

Friday 13 October 2018

This year, International Day was celebrated over 3 days with the languages department running lunchtime activities throughout the second half of the week. There was a salsa and merengue dance workshop, French quiz and also on the Friday, the eagerly awaited Spanish karaoke house competition where pupils sang a song from 'Coco'. In addition, the week prior to International Day, there were assemblies' celebrating cultural diversity and the values of tolerance and respect.

The Friday itself was 'International Day', pupils and staff fully embraced the themed day by wearing national dress or colours of their heritage. The school was looking incredibly colourful and vibrant with flags, costumes and face paints all being proudly displayed. In form time on Friday afternoon, the pupils made a lasting legacy of their diverse cultures and heritage by creating an international tapestry. The catering staff fully embraced International Day too and prepared food from around the globe for breakfast, break time and lunch time!

It was a great day for St Joseph's and culminated in the evening with the well-attended International Mass held in the school hall where over 20 countries were represented amongst the 280 strong congregation. John Glenn MP was also in attendance.

We are very proud of the amount of money raised during the week's activities – a huge £545 was raised and given to CAFOD to support the emergency aid efforts in Indonesia following the recent earthquake and tsunami.



### Restart A Heart Day

Monday 16 October 2018

We were very proud to be able to take part in the European Restart a Heart Day on 16th October. All of year 8 received basic CPR training from Hannah West a Salisbury resuscitation officer. 120 year 8s learnt how to administer CPR and also how to use a defibrillator – very valuable skills but hopefully skills that they'll never need to use.



### Food & Music

Tuesday 23 October 2018

Year 5 pupils from St Osmund's came to school for a morning's activities using two of our newest facilities – the music and food technology room. The 30 pupils created their own pizzas as part of a healthy eating initiative and they also had a chance to create a song about healthy eating too. Fantastic creativity on behalf the pupils and a great opportunity to showcase our stunning new facilities.

If you know of a primary school that would like a similar experience, please let us know!



### PE Updates

Mr Ball is delighted with the Year 9, 10 & 11 boys rugby teams – although they are still awaiting a win, their application and effort in games has been excellent! Especially when playing in some very adverse weather conditions! Mrs Moss is equally delighted with the girls' rugby team – regular attendance at training is bearing fruit in the interschool competitions!

Mixed fortunes in football as the Year 7's lost their first fixture after going a goal up against Wyvern College whereas the Year 10 team brushed aside Stonehenge School 3-1.

Netball has been going from strength to strength with the girls recording some great results against other local schools.

Finally, the Boccia team have secured 3rd and 6th place finishes taking us through to the next round of the competition!

### Charity Donations

With the support of pupils, parents/carers and staff we have donated too:

Mcmillan Cake Sale – £247

CAFOD(International Day) – £545

Kushona Appeal, Edukaid – £484

Wear it Pink – £62

Mrs Clayton our Network Manager has just returned from Tanzania with local charity Edukaid. Money raised by pupils and staff has helped to set up a new project teaching local women in Mikindani to sew and make clothes for their families in Edukaid's community centre.

'The project has been very successful, I was able to buy two treadle sewing machines and all the equipment needed from the local market to keep the project going for one year – by which time the women will be able to sell goods they have made as well as clothe their own families. A huge thank you for your support – it really was money well spent!'



## History

This term in History, to complement the work done in class on Medieval England, the Year 7's were set a creative homework project. Their task was to produce a creative piece on the Battle of Hastings or any other aspect of Medieval England. The response was fantastic and there were some amazing pieces created including shields, battle axes, longboats and battle scenes. The projects were showcased in a mini exhibition and prizes were awarded for the favourite student choice and for the best as chosen by our official judge Mr McHale.



## St Joseph's Poppy Memorial

With the commemoration of 100 years since the armistice of the First World War, we felt as a school that we should commemorate in our way the centenary and the remembrance of subsequent wars. As we lose more of the generations that remember the world wars I feel as a teacher it is so important to make sure we continue to educate and reflect on their stories from both military and civilian experience. This memorial is made by the pupils of the school across KS3 with specific design efforts from KS4 pupils. They show names of people they wish to remember over this time period of remembrance and more specifically in their period of silence on Remembrance Sunday. The poppies also show a mixture of humanities and English subject work. We have focused on war poetry for KS3 English and utilised our various specialisms within humanities to deliver diverse and bespoke lessons for KS3 in Geography and History. This project was designed to not only educate the pupils on the aspects of warfare but also the medical and technological advancements, political progress and ultimately the peace that was achieved. I am immensely proud of the dedication of both staff and pupils to this project and their immense respect for the armed forces, their families and civilians that have and continue to shape our country today.

Mrs V Becher, Head of Humanities



### Careers Updates



### What Next? Future Choices Careers Fair

On Tuesday 16 October 2018 we took all of our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to the City Hall in Salisbury to the What Next? Future Choices Careers Fair. This is the biggest careers event of 2018 in South Wiltshire, bringing together local post-16 providers under one roof. The event was full of exhibitors from local colleges/6th forms, universities, apprenticeship providers, local and national employers and the voluntary sector. Here at St Joseph's we are very aware that young people need to have access to all the opportunities that are on offer post-16 in order to make informed choices and decisions at this important stage of their careers.

During the visit, pupils were given a questionnaire to complete. Pupils had to find various stands and be pro-active in asking questions and finding out information. Wiltshire College and University Centre (Salisbury) very kindly donated a prize for the person who managed to answer all the questions correctly. The winner was Alex Gainey in Year 10 who was presented with his prize, a wonderboom, in an assembly at school. This was presented by Wiltshire College Vice Principal Denise Lloyd.

### Drive Safe, Stay Alive Roadshow

On Thursday 4 October 2018 all of our Year 11 pupils were taken to Sarum Academy to watch the Safe Drive, Stay Alive Roadshow. The aim of the roadshow was to raise awareness of road traffic accidents and death on the roads by young inexperienced drivers. This was delivered through presentations by real people, giving real life experiences of accidents they had been involved in or dealt with. For the pupils, this was a real eye opener and gave them an insight into the potential risks of being on the road as they approach the age of 17 and potentially, learning to drive.



### Oxbridge Raising Awareness Day at South Wilts Grammar School

On Tuesday 13 November 2018 we were invited to South Wilts Grammar School with some of our Year 11 pupils to attend a Oxbridge Raising Awareness Day.

This event was aimed at those students who potentially could apply to Oxbridge in the future. The morning session introduced students to life at either Oxford or Cambridge, the variety of courses available, the supervision/tutorial teaching style, the application process and what Oxbridge looks for in its potential students.

The session was very informative and all the pupils learned something new.



### Work Experience

This year saw another successful work experience launch evening to our Year 10 parents/carers and pupils. During the evening Sue Glover, our independent Careers Adviser here at St Joseph's School, along with Roger Thomas from Five Rivers Recruitment, guided a packed audience through the process of securing a work experience placement. They highlighted what employers are looking for and the impact this can have on future choices.

As a result of the evening's launch, a number of pupils in year 10 have already secured a work placement next June.

### English Trip to London 2018 (with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

T'was the night before half term and all through the town  
Excitement was building, there wasn't a frown  
The clothes were selected, the snacks were all packed  
Into the hold the cases were stacked.  
Fifty to London, six thirty-depart  
The English trip dawning – adventures start!

Bright and early the sun started peeping  
Teachers were gathered, students still sleeping  
Onto the coach and away with a flurry  
(The driver was careful, but in a hurry)  
First to Dickens – his house and his home  
To the British Museum, that fantastic dome!  
Onto the South Bank and there did we see  
The magnificent structure, impressive to me  
The Globe in its' splendour, seats wooden and hard,  
The costumes and props for plays by the Bard.

We did not linger so hot on our heels  
The Rain Forest Café was serving our meals.  
But time was ticking so we didn't linger  
To the Cambridge Theatre to watch 'Matilda'!  
Oh it was funny – it did make us giggle  
But was it really children acting – so little?  
The lyrics were clever, the music supreme  
Half way through – a break for ice-cream.

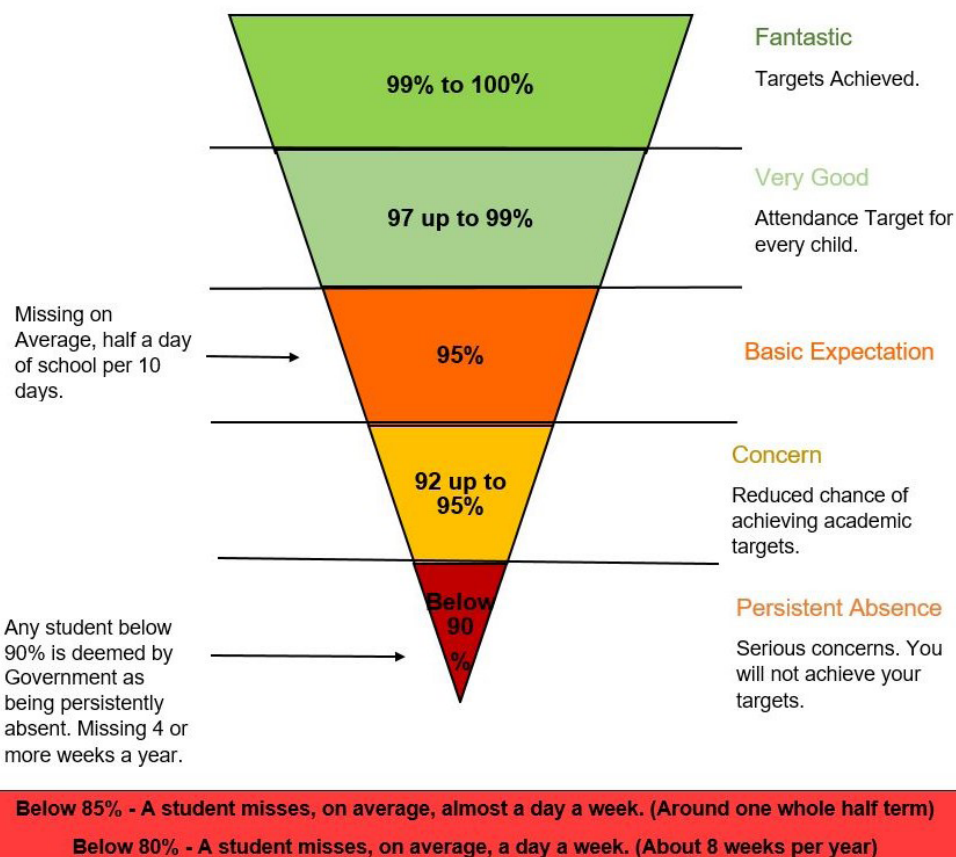
The hour was late and so we retreated  
To our hotel, in Bloomsbury secreted.  
We slept like babies and when we awoke  
Breakfast was waiting then onto the coach.  
Another day beckoned continuing the fun  
To Warner Brothers' Studios to see Harry and Ron!  
A fantastical world, none could be bored  
Enchanting us all – especially Mr.Ford.

'Come Bradbury, Come Golding, Come Wilkinson too!'  
Mrs Cullis was calling to get in the queue  
To exit the sights and alight the bus back  
Purring engine waking – luggage in the rack.  
The students were happy, content but shattered –  
(You could even say that they were 'cream cracker'd'!)  
We were sad it was over and finally through  
So to those who helped a grateful THANK YOU!





### Attendance



### Upcoming Dates

Thursday 20th December 2018	Carol Service, St Joseph's Catholic School, 6pm
Friday 21st December 2018	Last day of term (pupils finishing at 12:30pm)
Wednesday 9th January 2019	Pupils return to school
Thursday 10th January 2019	Year 11 Parent's Evening
Wednesday 23rd January 2019	Year 8 Parent Option's Information Evening

The Drama Department's Winter Production of DNA by Dennis Kelly is on the 13 & 14th December. The show is the GCSE Drama set text and therefore is a brilliant revision tool for anyone considering or already studying GCSE Drama. All the actors in the production are GCSE Drama students. The show will begin at 6.30pm in the school hall and finish at 8.30pm. Tickets are available from Mrs Scott. £4 adults, £2 child. The show contains strong language therefore we are advertising it for 13+ only.