



## Virtues for this term:

### Curious and Active

Children should be **curious** about everything and **active** in their engagement with the world; changing what they can for the better.

As a school we will lead our children to be **curious** about the universe and all human **activity**. To take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and provide opportunities for them to be **active** in the life of our school, the Church, and the wider community



*Congratulations to Cian Denton in Year 6 who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Littlemore Parish on Sunday 21st January 2018.*

## Parents & Carers

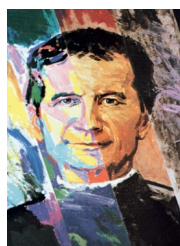
### St John Bosco

Friend of the young, teacher in the ways of God, your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.

Help me to work for a better world where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to Our Heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.

Amen



### Our Faith

This month we celebrate the feast of St John Bosco, Patron Saint of young people and founder of the Salesians.

Throughout his life, St John Bosco worked with young people who had experienced a difficult start to life. He led them to a pathway where they changed their lives through prayer, forgiveness and playtime. St John Bosco always said that church, home, school and the playground should be very close together as they all played a vital role in the formation of children.

### Salesian Celebration Day

To celebrate the life and work of St John Bosco we are inviting all the children to come to school on Saturday

January 2018

27th January 11am-3pm for a day of fun: arts, crafts, sports games and prayer. Children can wear their own clothes and there will be no lessons (in answer to a question from a child!) There is no cost involved, all we ask is that you provide your child with a packed lunch. This promises to be a great day that the children will remember. Sincere thanks to all the staff who are volunteering for the day; a true example of Salesian spirit returning to our school.

### Dates for this term

This term is very short, there are only 5 full weeks between Christmas and February half-term. This is also repeated between February half-term and the Easter holidays as we finish on Maundy Thursday at 1pm. It would not have been fair to allow some classes to showcase their learning to parents.

Therefore we have decided to try something different. After half term each phase will organise and lead mass during Lent. After Easter our wonderful class assemblies will return.

### Mornese Centre

If you would like to hire the Mornese Centre for a function: First Holy Communion or Confirmation party, group meetings or another gathering, please contact Sr Isabel at the convent 01865 788160.

### Circles of Success and Virtues

On Monday 8th January the children were introduced to our new behaviour

and reward system: The Circles of Success and Virtues (see attached photographs.) There are 3 wheels that the children need to achieve: the 'young wheel' (bronze award) is how the children show all 8 segments in their classroom. The 'precious wheel' is how the children show all 8 segments around our school. The 'loved wheel' is how the children show all 8 segments in our community. All staff feel this is a great way of challenging our children to be successful both in the classroom and around our school. We also feel it is particularly important for children to show what they can achieve in our community. We love hearing stories of all the awards and good things that the children are doing outside of our school. A copy of the Circles of Success and Virtues will be sent home so you know what the children need to achieve in each wheel.

## Roman Findings!



Over the past few weeks archaeologists from Oxford University have been digging areas

of land on the construction site next door (the previously owned Swan Motor Garage). We have been informed that they have discovered a lot of Roman artefacts; this is the biggest find of Roman pieces in Oxford in the last 10 years. This term years 3 and 4 are learning about the Romans and we have been invited to go onto the site and talk with the archaeologists. Our thanks to the new owners, the WatkinJones Group for inviting us and allowing our children to experience a real-life archaeological dig.

## Student Development

Over the coming months construction work will start on the site next door.

It is essential that children are supervised by adults if walking on Between Towns Road. Please do not park or stop anywhere along this road for the safety of the children. We are in regular contact with the developers who are fully aware of our school's routines.

## PSA Events

Instead of holding 'cake' sales the PSA and each class are now holding 'food' sales. This widens the variety of food that can be bought to raise funds for the PSA. I am sure we have a variety of skills amongst our parents

who may be able to whip up a selection of spring rolls, samosas, fruit kebabs, healthy pizzas (as well as cakes) or any other ideas. Time to blow the dust off those cook-books!



On Thursday 8th February the annual PSA disco returns for children currently attending our school. More information to follow.

## Thank you

A massive thank you to the PSA for paying £5 per child for our trip to the Oxford Playhouse in December and for purchasing an ipad for each class.

Please support as many PSA events as you can. All money raised supports the purchasing of resources and fun activities for the children.

With best wishes

*Miss Davies and all the staff*

Event	Date & Time
Saturday 27th January 2018	Salesian Celebration Day @11am-3pm
Wednesday 31st January 2018	Mass in church @9.30am to celebrate the feast of St John Bosco
Monday 5th February 2018	SATs meeting for Year 6 parents @6pm
Thursday 8th February 2018	PSA Disco
Friday 9th February 2018	Olive Class food sale @3pm
Friday 9th February 2018	Break for half term @3pm
Wednesday 14th February (half term)	Ash Wednesday

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Circles of Success and Virtues  
Award Card

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No  
one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14: 6

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Young Circle: Bronze Award



I have shown success and virtues in my classroom.

Precious Circle: Silver Award



I have shown success and virtues around my school.

Loved Circle: Gold Award



I have shown success and virtues in my community.

