



# School Newsletter

Issue 6, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The Hockey Competition on Monday was superb!

We took 18 children so had two teams which was great. The children played extremely well together and we only let in one goal for each team. Some good goals were also scored and both teams finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Well played everyone!

Thank you to Mrs Masters for accompanying me to the event and supporting and encouraging our children.

Mrs Henderson

PE Coordinator



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

We will again take part in this fun fundraising day at school. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, outfits or non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1 or more for the charity.

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December to coincide with our School Christmas Meal.



St Joseph's Church

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

2pm - 4pm

In St Joseph's School Hall

If you would like more raffle tickets, please see the office.



# **CHRISTMAS DISCO**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**KS1 2:30pm to 3:15pm**

**KS2 3:15 to 4:15**

**ST Joseph's School Hall**

**Children are invited to wear party Christmas clothes to school this day.**

**£1 entry donation per child**

**Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase at the Disco.**



## Remembrance Day Prayers

Dear God,  
Please look after the  
soldiers.

Amen

Dear God,  
Help my family to remember my Great  
Grandad who died in World War 2.

Amen

Dear God,  
Please let there be no more  
wars.

Amen

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Please remember all the soldiers who died  
fighting for their country. Please make  
sure they are safe and happy in Heaven.

Amen

Dear God,

I want to thank the people that died in the wars. I will  
remember them with poppies.

Amen

Heavenly Father,  
Please put a stop to all the wars and  
people dying.

Amen

Dear God,  
We give thanks to all the dogs that died in  
the war.

Amen

## Prayers by Birch Class

Dear God,  
Please help me to compliment people and  
say nice things to them. Please help me to  
be a friend when someone is sad and ask  
them if they want to play. Please help me  
to be kind and helpful and be a lovely  
friend.

Amen

By Felicity

Dear God,

Please help things to change by helping people to be  
kinder to one another. Help me to be respectful of  
everyone and to look for the good in people.

Amen

By Esmae

Dear God,

Please help things to change by helping other to say nice  
things. Help me to smile more and continue to include  
others. Please help me to help people.

Amen

By Lexi



# Adventure Land Creative Writing Competition for 5-7 Year-Olds

## Rules

- Only one entry per pupil
- Entries can be written or typed on any theme and in any poetic style
- Ensure that all students include their name, surname and age on the entry form
- Entries need to be handed in to the office before 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 or posted before 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Prizes for Schools

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £250

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £100

## Prizes for Pupils

- The top 10 favourite published writers will each win an exciting goody bag packed full of prizes!
- Bookmark and sticker for every entrant
- Certificate of merit for those selected for publication

## How to Enter

- You can enter via post (entry forms at the school office), to:

FREEPOST RSLY-AUJA-RAHY

Young Writers PS

Remus House

Peterborough

PE2 9BF

- Or you can upload poems to [Online Entries](#)



**Closing Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

# The Adventure Zone Creative Writing for 7-11 Year-Olds

## Rules

- Only one entry per pupil
- Entries can be written or typed on any theme and in any poetic style
- Ensure that all students include their name, surname and age on the entry form
- Entries need to be handed in to the office before 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 or posted before 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Prizes for Schools

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £250

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £100

## Prizes for Pupils

- The top 15 favourite published writers will each win an exciting goody bag packed full of prizes!
- Bookmark and sticker for every entrant
- Certificate of merit for those selected for publication

## How to Enter

- You can enter via post (entry forms at the school office), to:

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# Parent information and School Reminders

**We would appreciate if parents, especially those new to the school, could take the time to read this section as there is some important information regarding our school. If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.**

- Nut Policy – Due to a severe nut allergy in school, we have a no nut policy. If you require further information, please see the school office.
- Leave of absence – only in exceptional circumstances (such as a funeral) will leave be authorised. If you need to make a request for absence, please submit a request in writing giving full details as to why the absence must be taken during term time.
- Dogs are not allowed onto school property. This includes the area outside the front of school, the car park and the driveway.
- Please name all uniform and items brought to school. Any lost property brought to the school office will be returned frequently if it is named.
- Absence from school due to illness - Reasons for absence may be offered verbally, by phone or left on school voicemail but must be followed by a letter on the child's return to school if the absence is for more than two days. Please contact the school no later than 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.
- Arrival at School: Please can children be taken to the rear playground to line up before school. Please do not wait at the classroom doors (except Elm / Reception) as teachers will come to the rear playground to escort children into the classrooms. For children in Elm class; once the classroom doors are opened, please drop your children off and leave as quickly as possible to promote independence.
- Please be aware that school staff are not present in the playground until 8.45am. Please supervise young children until this time.
- There is no parking at school for parents. You are welcome to park at St Joseph's Church for drop off and collection times. If you are parking on local streets, please park responsibly as we do receive regular complaints regarding this.
- Please download the School Gateway app. Even if you do not need to make payments to the school, we would be grateful if you could register as it enables the school to send all text messages to you free, which we currently pay a fee for.
- **School meal payments must be paid by start of school on Monday morning** (or the first school day of the week). There are several ways you can make payments:
  - Via our online app school gateway, available at all times. We encourage all parents to book and pay for school meals this way even if your child receives free school meals
  - Pay at the school office from 08.45 with cash
  - A clearly marked envelope handed to breakfast club staff with cash
  - A clearly marked envelope for your child to hand in to the school office with cash

## Kidz Care Club Payments

Please book your Kidz Care Club and Breakfast Club sessions via the school gateway app. You can do this if you pay via bank transfer, childcare vouchers or cash.

**For School Gateway App** – Choose the club you would like to use and select the chosen dates. You can book as far in advance as you like but you must pay at the time of booking. You must make the first gateway payment via a computer to register your card details. If you do not have access to a computer at home, please see the school office.

**For Childcare Vouchers** – Please send the payment with your child's name and BC or KCC as the reference. If you would like the voucher split between more than one club then please email the office your preference. Once the payment has been received, it will be credited to your school gateway account. You will then be able to book the sessions you require. Please send the childcare vouchers in enough time for them to be processed before your required session.

**For Cash** – Please bring the correct money in an envelope marked with your child's name followed by BC or KCC and the date. The money can then be credited to your school gateway account where you will be able to book the required sessions.

If you have any queries, please see the school office.

### Fundraising 2019-20

Here is where you can see all the fundraising we have taken part in this year and how much we have raised:

15.11.19 - Children in Need - £111.05

## School Attendance

**Half way through and at the end each small term children with perfect attendance will receive an award sticker in assembly.  
Every day counts!**

Class	This week	Year To Date
Maple	97.7%	94.1%
Birch	100%	96.8%
Oak	99.2%	97.4%
Chestnut	98.1%	96.7%
Eucalyptus	93.2%	95.8%
Whole School	97.6%	96.2%

**At St. Joseph's, we take attendance very seriously!  
For more information, please visit our attendance page on our website.**

<http://www.stjosephsprimarycarterton.co.uk/about-us/attendance-1>

### Dates for the diary:

#### November:

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Inventor Competition
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Basketball Festival at Carterton Community College, 1.00pm-2.30pm (Teams have been selected and letter has been sent)
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations for Whole School
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	West Oxfordshire U11 Boccia Competition at Carterton Community College, 2.00pm-4.00pm (Teams to be selected and letter to be sent)
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Christmas Fete at St Joseph's School Hall, 2pm – 4pm

#### December:

Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	iRock Concert, 9.30am
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Meal
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Production, 2pm (Letters to be sent out)
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Production, 5.30pm (Letters to be sent out)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Production, 2pm (Letters to be sent out)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Production, 6pm (Letters to be sent out)
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Finishes at 1.30pm for Christmas (Kidz Care Club will be open until 6pm – Please book via the Gateway)

#### Wednesday

20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Leading/attending Mass</b> Eucalyptus
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Chestnut
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Maple

#### Thursday

21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Leading Collective Worship:</b> Class
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School
5 <sup>th</sup> December	House
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Class



# Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

## Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2020**.

## Apply online at

**[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



## For help and information:

Web: **[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

Email: **[admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk)**

Tel: **0345 241 2487**



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COUNTY COUNCIL**



# Family Dog Workshops

Workshops for parents /carers of a child aged between 3 - 16 years old with a clinical diagnosis of autism.



**Family Dog Workshops are ideal if you:**

- Are at the early stages of considering getting a dog to help your autistic child
- Know that you want to get a dog and are looking for help choosing and handling a dog
- Already have a pet dog but would like training ideas and support

The series of three one day workshops use a combination of practical demonstrations, discussions, hands on learning and course hand outs.

Following the workshops, ongoing support is available to families including telephone support, online resources, and a private Facebook group.

For dates and venues visit:  
[www.dogsforgood.org/family-dog](http://www.dogsforgood.org/family-dog)







Time to  
**Take the  
Plunge!**

# Swimming Lessons

**Termly courses running in  
Longworth and RAF Brize Norton**

**Holiday courses also available  
upon request.**

***For more information & bookings please contact:***



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