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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells



Welcome back to school, it is the summer term already and the sun appears to be shining at the moment, long may it continue. I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and a much needed rest. What a busy time we had leading up to the holidays.

The Easter Raffle organised by our fabulous PTA was an amazing success. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Wand for transforming the piles of chocolate into the exciting hampers, to all of you who sent the chocolate in for the hampers to be made and for buying the tickets. The raffle made £767 which is fantastic!

This Friday we will be announcing the winners from each class for the PTA's Paint an Egg competition. Well done to all of those who entered – the class teachers will have a tricky job judging them.

When dropping off and collecting your children from school, please ensure that you park safely and considerately to our neighbours– there is plenty of space in the village hall.

I would like to congratulate all of the children who received the Governor's Award for an outstanding contribution to the Catholic Life of the school at the end of last term – Oliver, Bobbie, Grace, Bella and Lawrence, Daisy T and Leo. Thank you for all that you do to be the best that you can be in helping St Joseph's to be a great school.

As you are aware, we have two Parent Governor vacancies. The election process begins on Monday. If you have time and enthusiasm, that you are able to give to developing our great school then please look out for the letter that will be sent out next week.

We all enjoyed the Stations of the Cross that was prepared by Year 6. A positive about the current situation is that because it was recorded, it is available for you all to enjoy on the school website if you should so wish.

I would like to welcome Miss Wright to the St Joseph's School Family, she has joined the team in St George's Class. She has settled in well and is getting to know the members in her bubble.

The School Council have always taken an active role in developing the school. This year they are aiming really high. They would like to improve the log trail – which is fairly old. The PTA, as ever, have jumped in to support and have set up a rocket fund. It went live last night and already they have donations of nearly £200 – a donation was made by someone not known to the school, which is wonderful. It has been posted on the PTA Facebook page but as it's a private group members are unable to share it. If you could support us in any way that you are able that would be great – thank you. <https://www.rocketfund.org/school-fundraising-pta>

An exciting Bank Holiday event will be held in the village on Saturday 1st May. The Priory Inn, Tetbury are sending their Pizza Van along to the school car park and serving wood-fired pizza's from 4-8pm. Pizzas are pre-booked with a slot for collection allocated. 10% of the profit that they make will be donated to the school to be spent on the children. I am sure this will prove to be popular among our neighbours in the village, but please do support the event if you are able – the more they sell the more they will donate for our children. Please see the menu attached. I'm going to get my order in quickly, my children love pizza!

Finally, it has been great to come back to the sun shining and packed lunches on the field, and happy children playing together. We are all looking forward to the fun packed learning ahead of us.

In Your Prayers

Dear Lord

Thank you for our teachers. We learn every day; learning is fun. Some people do not like school but we all should, they should know teachers are supporting us. I hope everyone is safe. Amen.

By Olivia—Year 3



Class News!



St Mary	Ella - I like jungle maths. We have to do some counting and adding numbers. Elliot - I like playing with all of my friends. We play hide and seek.
St Joseph	Hebe - I have made friends in my new class! Oliver - Neil Armstrong was an astronaut and he was the first person to walk on the moon!
St Peter	Orla—Today we have been learning to add and subtract using column method. Its really exciting because it will help me when I move onto bigger numbers. Grace—I've enjoyed having my lunch on the field and I liked the numeracy we did this morning.
St Patrick	Alex – I have loved eating outside because it's so sunny. Rosalie – I've really enjoyed Maths because fractions has been really challenging.
St George	Jimmy - I have enjoyed MOT because we were practising our times tables today. It has been nice to see my friends and play football on the field. Sophia - I have enjoyed learning about keeping safe in RHE. I am glad to be back at school and being able to see my friends after the lockdown.
St Teresa	Charlie – We are having such fun in Year 5 – especially in literacy because we get to be creative and write some brilliant stories. I am very much enjoying eating outside and on the field in the sun J I am looking forward to our new topic 'We are Scientists'! Toby – At the moment, school is very fun and I am really happy that we get to wear summer uniform. Miss Johnson has been very impressed with my work this week – I have been particularly good at creating fantasy stories in our literacy lessons. At lunch, we get to be on the field and there are more activities to do J
St David	Molly— I have really enjoyed our new style of maths lessons in Y6, I am growing in confidence and enjoying being successful. Elsa—I've really enjoyed being back on the field at lunch; we have lots of space and can sit in the sunshine! I have also enjoyed prepping for our fun quizzes. Leo— like our new student teacher Miss Stokes, she helps us a lot and is kind! We are all really glad to be back in school with our friends after the Easter holidays.

eSchools —school correspondence is now being sent via the eSchools app. If you have not downloaded the app please check the school website regularly for updates and current information. If you need a reminder of the e-Schools login details or have any questions please email the Admin Team at admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE—the telephone system is being upgraded on Wednesday 5th May and the phone line may be down for a time. Please email admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk if you cannot get through on the telephone. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you.



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