



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells



This term seems to be running away with us. The summer term is always extremely busy and with the addition of Covid to contend with there is additional planning.

The children enjoyed their visit from Darren Peters who came to talk to the children about keeping safe on line. Some of the staff were surprised by some of the games and apps that children lower down the school say that they are using/playing like Fortnite (age 12) and Tik Tok (age 13). Darren shared with the children how old you should be to access them and importantly how to keep safe when on line.

What a great night the children had last Friday at Film Night. There was much laughter to be heard from the children across the school. I can't thank the staff enough for giving up their Friday evening to enable this to happen – and the cleaners too for making sure that the classrooms were ready as usual for Monday morning.

Mark Weeden has paid his final visit to Year 6 where he was talking to them about legal and illegal drugs. This session supported the learning that year 6 have already covered through the RHE curriculum which has been introduced this year and has been a great success with all of the staff and children.

It has been a busy week for year 6 – the show rehearsals continue and they have bike ability. It has been great to see the children's confidence grow throughout the week – well done to all who took part!

If you live in the village and see any yellow mitre footballs or soft colourful balls with stars when you are walking around – they may belong to us. Sadly, last weekend 8 footballs and several of the smaller soft balls were stolen from the children's play equipment that they use at break and lunchtimes. We have managed to replace the footballs this time but if this happens again we don't have enough equipment to replace them, we will have very disappointed children.

I would just like to remind you that Covid rates are rising locally. I'm sure that you are aware. some local schools are unfortunately sending bubbles home and there have been a couple of whole school closures. Secondary transfer days are being cancelled as the risk is too high. A visitor to the school this week was really upset to see some parents who took their masks off to have a conversation whilst not socially distancing. We know how challenging this is for every one and would like to thank all of you who are doing your very best to follow the guidance to keep us open. We really want to get to the end of term without having to send any more bubbles home to self-isolate.

We are delighted that we are able to hold a Leaver's mass in our beautiful church. Fr Philip has agreed to come up during the last week of term to enable this to happen – it has been a long time since we have been able to attend mass and something that we are greatly looking forward to.

Finally, we are looking forward to next week –Miss McCarthy has worked so hard to organise a fun packed week for us all. We have everything crossed that the weather is kind to us – sun would be nice but all we really need is for the rain to hold off. Please make sure that you send your child into school ready for any eventuality- that seems to be the way of the weather at the moment and most essential a full water bottle.

Our week will be rounded off nicely with our year 4 children taking their first Holy communion at the weekend, which we are all very excited about.

In Your Prayers

Dear Lord I hope all schools are happy as we are and have God's support to follow in Jesus' foot steps. I want Clifton Diocese to live in peace.

Amen

By Spencer—Year 3



Class News!



St Mary	Jake - I made a paper tent in the art area. Amberlee - I like writing about The Hungry Caterpillar.
St Joseph	Finlay - We are learning about coins in maths! Hebe - We have changed the story 'What the Ladybird Heard', into our own story - 'What the Lion Heard'.
St Peter	Maya—I like maths and MOT because it is really easy, and when we do literacy because it is fun. Sidney—My favourite things are maths, play-time and literacy because they are fun. I'm looking forward to seeing how big my plant grows that I planted last week.
St Patrick	Claude - This week I have enjoyed playtimes because they are fun and I play tag with my friends. Pippa - I've enjoyed doing our retell on how to make a healthy sandwich. It was really fun.
St George	Alfie M - I have enjoyed learning about area and perimeter in our maths lessons. This week, we have looked at how different liquids can cause tooth decay by conducting an experiment. Ava - This week, I have enjoyed our maths because we have learnt about perimeter and area. I have also enjoyed learning to use relative clauses in my writing.
St Teresa	Harvey O - I have enjoyed writing a letter to a friend explaining the do's and don'ts of the internet. I have really enjoyed our literacy work, writing and performing a rap. Emily - I have enjoyed learning about angles in maths this week, I have also enjoyed making up a rap in literacy to perform to the class.
St David	Rose – Over the course of this week, I have enjoyed learning about how to be safe around drugs and alcohol (with PC Mark Weedon) and Bikeability has also been extremely joyous to participate in. Elsa – This week I have really enjoyed rehearsing with Sarah for the end of year play and I have also really enjoyed our big write, where we were authors of our own suspense stories.

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.

SCHOOL DINNERS—we hope the children are enjoying having the choice of hot school dinners, the smell from the kitchen is very tempting! Can we remind parents/carers to keep their child/ren's Parentpay dinner accounts topped up—there are some big balances starting to accrue. You can set up alerts from Parentpay for an alert to be sent to you to remind you when the balance is getting low. Thank you.



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS—please try to make appointments after the school day or during school holidays. We understand this is not always possible. If your child has to attend an appointment during the school day please provide an appointment letter or card from the hospital/dentist etc. A scanned copy is acceptable. Thank you.

