



From Mrs D'Arcy

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Faith, Hope, Love

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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Welcome back! I do hope that you had a wonderful summer break! It feels like a long distant memory now, being back in the throws of school life! The children have settled in very well and we welcome our Reception children that have joined us! We also welcome the Britton family, Graham family, Pinnock family and Vuchinkova family. As you are aware, we welcome Miss Fletcher, Y6 teacher, Mr Luce, Y1 teacher and Mrs Freckleton our pastoral support assistant and Mrs Kingston, who has joined the midday supervisors team. Mrs Freckleton, alongside Mrs Hamlin, Marie Knight, Mrs Kingston and our fabulous team of teaching assistants, have worked tirelessly in order to provide some structure and meaningful games during break and lunchtimes. The children have responded exceptionally well and so far, the feedback has been very positive. I would like to thank the team, who have put in a lot of time and effort, in order to make lunchtimes and playtimes an exciting and enjoyable experience for the children—with lots of things to keep them busy! Clubs have now started and as usual, are well attended by the children. Please do remember that the expectation is that the children commit to the club whilst it runs throughout the term. If any parent/carer would like to help with a club, then please let a member of the school team know. If any Y4 children would like to join the tag rugby club on Thursday, then please let the school office know.

Please remember to look at your child's class blogs. Teachers work hard to keep them up to date, so that you have a good insight into the learning that takes place each week. We continue with our REACH curriculum, which means that each Friday, children will potentially be learning outside—regardless of the weather! They need to be appropriately dressed, including wellies and waterproofs, especially as the weather is unpredictable at the moment! As always, please ensure that everything is clearly labelled.

Already, there have been complaints from the people who live in the village, with regard to thoughtless and dangerous parking. The local PCSO's will be dropping by from time to time to ensure that you are parking safely and with consideration. Please DO NOT park on drives, belonging to the locals. Think before you park! Remember that you can use the village hall to park in too.

A big thank you to our fabulous PTA who organised the Pub Quiz last week. I was sorry to have missed it however, the feedback has been very positive! Thank you to all involved. As we look ahead, we have the phonics evening for our Reception parents on the 2nd October at 6pm. We also have the PTA meeting on the 7th October at 7:30pm. Please

Come along and support YOUR child's school! We have the Harvest Festival Liturgy to look forwards to on the 9th October and school photographs on the 10th October! Please note, **World Mission Sunday** in 2019 falls on **20 October**. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, the annual day encourages prayers, cooperation and help for missions as well as reminding Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church. 'Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love.' Pope Francis

In Your Prayers

We pray for those who work in schools that they may be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Class News!



St Mary	Finlay likes playing with the marble run in class. He enjoys playtimes running about with Kian. Isaac loves painting in class and playing with the bricks and Lego. His friend is Gilbert.
St Joseph	Olivia said the class had a little word test this week. She is making her Christmas card using lots of silver and gold glitter. Grace is learning the story of Tom and the Sunflower in literacy.
St Peter	Alex really enjoys maths at school. He was so excited to see a tiger and lion at the school's trip to Noah's Ark. Raffy is very happy at his new school; he likes playing tag and running about at playtimes with Alex. He had not seen an elephant or rhino before his trip to Noah's Ark.
St Patrick	Sophia said the class topic is Creation. The children are learning about the lines in the atlas—the equator and Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Stanley has lots of fun at Forest School on Fridays, he really looks forward to this lesson.
St George	Faith has been sorting this morning—putting different animals into groups of vertebrates and invertebrates. She said the class topic is Planet Earth. Toby is learning his 12 times tables.
St Teresa	Oscar has been learning about elephants and said you can identify an Indian or African elephant by the size of its ears. Maisie is excited about the caterpillars they have in Year 5—they have gone into cocoons.
St David	Willow had lots of fun at Noah's Ark her favourite part was going down the elephant slide. She is looking forward to finding out who the next House Captains will be. Ruby has made her Christmas card this week, her design is a big star and the crib.

Weekly R E A C H Awards
13th September 2019

St Mary	
St Joseph	Douglas Settle and Freya Clark
St Peter	Imogen Munday and Tabitha Settle
St Patrick	Beatrice Di Stazio and Autumn O'Reilly
St George	Hector Jewkes-Long and Maya Britton
St Teresa	Fitch Thurlow and Ashton Sanders
St David	Layla Pegler-Smith

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER SEPT 2019—hopefully all Year 6 parents received a transfer letter in their child's book bags last week. If not please speak to the school office ASAP.

There is a cake raffle every Friday morning, tickets are on sale by the school office and a yummy cake is the prize. £1 for 5 tickets or 20p for 1 ticket. The winner gets picked out of the hat at assembly on Friday. The monies raised goes to Pre-School 2 weeks and the school for 2 weeks. Y6 are going to run the cake raffle for school to raise funds for their PGL residential



Forthcoming events

2nd Oct Phonics evening 6pm (reception parents only)
 7th Oct PTA meeting in school all welcome 7.30pm
 9th Oct Harvest Liturgy—KS1 9.15am KS2 10.00am
 10th Oct School photos
 12th Oct First cross-country race at KLB, Wotton
 14th Oct Week of Awe and Wonder
 (children learn about Sikhism)
 16th Oct Parent Forum 9.00am—all welcome
 18th Oct PTA Autumn Disco 6.00pm-7.30pm
 22nd/23rd Oct Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
 22nd Oct Education Mass at Clifton 7.00pm
 24th Oct Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2.00-4.00pm
 25th Oct End of Term 1
 4th Nov Term 2 begins
 8th Nov Open Day
 9th Nov PTA fireworks and BBQ night from 6.00pm
 11th Nov Remembrance Assembly 10.30am
 Reception and Yr 6 children
 11th Nov Anti-bullying week
 13th Nov Commissioning the Chaplaincy Team

UNIFORM—please remember to name all your child/ren's school uniform/belongings that they bring into school. If an unexpected item comes home that is not your child's then please ensure it is returned to the school office or class teacher immediately. **THANK YOU.**

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