



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

Summer Term 2 already and the sun seems to be shining – long may this continue! As such, please make sure that your child/children come to school prepared for the weather, sun hats and cream as well as wellies in school in case of rain!

I know that it feels like a long time ago but I hope that you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed some Jubilee celebrations with your families. I would like to thank those of you who were able to join us on the last day of term for a picnic on the school field. What a lovely end to the term. After such a long time it was so nice to see so many of you in what felt like a 'normal' school event – something that we have not had for so long! Also thank you for your support with the competitions. I am so glad that I was not the judge! The standard of the cakes was amazing and the decision was not easy. However, there can be only one winner and the winner of the cake competition was Lauren (Year 4). The attention to detail in her picnic cake was really impressive – there was even cucumber sandwiches! It was a similar situation with the hats too but the winner was Amberlee (Year 1). Well done to all of the children who took part, I know how much fun you had being creative. I would like to thank the PTA, who as always, supported the event by getting ice creams for the children and the odd bit of Jubilee cake that was donated! Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Knight for organising the event.

We have had a busy start to a busy term. The house captains have been on house treat catch up! When a house wins the term it is the responsibility of the house captains to organise a treat for their house to celebrate. Last week Falcons had their treat of additional play – nicely timed for the log trail and Kestrels celebrated with animal drawings and a game of capture the flag. This week Eagles will be having theirs, a scavenger hunt and then we are nearly up to date!

I would like to welcome back to our school family Lillie–Star and Ellianna and of course Adrian and Susan Holder and also to welcome the Arkell family. What a great time to join us when hopefully we will be free from mist and fog for a while.

Well done to the Eco–Committee, finally we have recycling bins in school. This has taken a long time but their determination has paid off and moving forward we will be a greener school.

It was lovely last week to be able to hold the summer music concert once again. I would like to thank the music teachers who were able to join us for the afternoon and for the parents who managed to come. It is great to celebrate the children's achievements after such a long time. There is clearly a lot of practice going on. Well done to all of the children who performed with such confidence. We are very lucky at St Joseph's to be able to offer the range of music lesson to our children that we do, piano, guitar, violin, singing, flute and clarinet. If you are interested in your child starting to learn to play an instrument then do please contact the school office and they will put you in touch with the music teachers.

In line with the government initiative of school uniform being affordable and value for money, the School Council have been looking at the current uniform that is on offer. They have suggested some sensible changes that I have shared with the Governors and am now due to meet with Andy Bateman to discuss. I will let you know the outcome in due course. In the meantime, just a reminder that the PTA sell second hand school uniform.

This week we are going to be taking part in District sports. It has been a long time since this event has taken place, not just because of Covid but because the year before that it was cancelled due to heavy rain. We are very much looking forward to the event after school on Wednesday even though this time we are competing against big schools instead of small ones.

Finally, last Thursday Paul Kehoe paid us a visit. Paul is the schools partnership officer from the Diocese. It has been three years since he was last at St Joseph's. He enjoyed his visit and was impressed by the environments, the learning that was going on (we happened to visit Reception during a God Matters lesson) and the confidence that our children displayed across the school.

God of Hope



We pray for our families and friends, our school communities and the communities where we live. May we all continue to support each other with generosity and hope.

Class News!



St Mary	Winnie - We made owls with handprints. Archie - I painted my face on a paper plate!
St Joseph	Finley- I like maths. Elliot- I like playtime and MOT lessons.
St Peter	Henry – I've liked seeing my friends again. We've been doing singing in Music. Kian – I've enjoyed the Maths we have been doing. We have been learning to count in tens from different numbers.
St Patrick	Freya - I love doing God Matters because it is a time when we reflect and be with God. Theo - I have enjoyed Maths this week because we have been learning about lengths.
St George	Lauren—I enjoyed coming into class again. Rosalie—I enjoyed God Matters and doing our retell.
St Teresa	Sophia - I enjoyed the jubilee picnic as we did different activities; we played garden games, had a picnic with our families and created a whole class picture of the queen on the Union Jack. Safia- I liked drawing around our shadows and finding out how the earth's movement around the sun changes the length of our shadows at different times during the day.
St David	Amelia - This week (coming in from half term) has been delightful, we have written diary entries in Literacy, we have been focusing on our production - 'Aladdin'. We've finally got the stage up, which has helped with practising greatly. Fran - This week we have been doing a lot of production practise and I think everyone is growing in confidence while playing their parts. It is amazing to see how every part makes a difference to what the show is like; I can't wait to show it to everybody who is coming to watch.



PARENTPAY—please keep an eye on your child/ren's dinner account/s. There are 34 accounts at the moment in debt. All accounts must be debt free by the end of term on 21st July 2022 please.



OCTOBER RESIDENTIAL

This trip has been put on Parentpay and parents/carers are asked to pay in instalments or you can pay in one go. The second instalment was due on 30th May 2022. Y5 parents please log onto Parentpay to see if any payments are due. Thank you.



**RIBSTON HIGH OPEN MORNING
TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2022
9.30AM-11.30AM**

Please look at their website for more details and how to book a place.

