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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

It is October already and the drop in temperature over night is making for some chilly mornings. As the weather is definitely becoming more autumnal, please can you ensure that your child/children comes to school dressed for the weather – especially on a Friday. Much of the children's learning is based outside on a Friday so a coat is essential.

The rise in fuel costs has meant a rise in the cost to get our children to outside activities. £400 to take a class to Stroud is astronomical. This would mean it would cost about £15 per child just to get them to wherever they are going.....so we are looking, whenever possible, to remove this cost by asking for you to support us by providing lifts for the children to local events.

Thank you to all of the parents who have assisted today in getting Year 5 to see the play 'In the Net'. This play has very important messages for the children about how to keep safe when they are online. It is normally something that the children go to towards the end of Year 4 but unfortunately had to be postponed last year during Covid. Our current Year 4 will be going later on during the year.

I would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to come and listen to hear the children read and also for coming into support in other ways. Reading is possibly one of the most important skills that we teach our children and as with everything, the more you practise the better you get! We are delighted to be welcoming READ with Me into school. This is a fantastic organisation who recruit volunteers to come into school to support reading. They are starting to come into school this week. If you are able and would like to support their amazing work, the Admin Team will be sending out a link to their Christmas cards this week. This is a way that they try to raise funds to support their work. If you would like to, you can find out more here <https://readwithme.org.uk/>

It was lovely to welcome our reception parents into school last week to the phonics evening. Our new intake have settled into school so well. Thank you to all of those who were able to come. For those parents who were unable to come, the information has been posted on the school website under Parents, Reception Phonics, Phonics Evening Powerpoint.

Parents evenings are this week and the PTA will be serving refreshments for you throughout the evening. It is lovely to be able to invite you back into school. Just a quick reminder:

Please come into the hall before your appointment, your child's tray with their books will be in there for you to have a look before your appointment.

Please go to your child's classroom when your time is called.

Please take your child's tray up to the classroom with you.

If another parent is still in there, please knock on the classroom door.

If you have not finished looking at your child's books before your appointment please feel free to bring it back to the hall to finish looking through the books.

It is also really important that the meetings run on time as some parents have chosen to join their meeting remotely, they may not knock on the classroom door but will be waiting on TEAMS. Thank you for being on time for your appointments and support to enable the evenings to run smoothly.

All of the classes are getting ready for our harvest celebrations next week. You are most welcome to come and join us if you are able, it would be lovely to see you there. The week will be rounded off nicely with the return of the PTA's school disco. This is an event that, in the past, the children really enjoyed so it will be great to open our doors up to this again. We are still looking for a Parent Governor, so if you have a bit of time and would like to get more involved with the leadership of the school please do let me know and I can explain a bit further about what the role entails.

KLB cross country races are back. Part of being a member of cross country club is the commitment to take part in the KLB races. The dates are as follows, Saturday 12th Nov, Saturday 3rd Dec 2022, Saturday 14th Jan and Saturday 4th Feb 2023 – with the new start time of 9am! More details about the races will follow when we have them. Finally, I would like to say how well all of the children have settled back into school and the routines. They are all working incredibly hard and trying to be the best they can be. There is a positive buzz across the school as they go about their day. Many children have chosen to join committees taking on roles and responsibilities, supporting different aspects of our school life. It is great to see the children grow in confidence and we are all looking forward to a busy, but successful term.

Class News!



St Mary	Xanthe - I like going on the log trail. Rosie - I love arts and crafts!
St Joseph	Isabella - I like writing and literacy. Millie- I love reading.
St Peter	Ginny – I liked science. We learnt all about food chains. The caterpillar ate the leaf and the small bird ate the caterpillar! Oliver – I like doing science too! I like it when we write the sentences about the science.
St Patrick	Marmaduke - It was very interesting to make rows from the darkest to the lightest leaves. Millie - I think they looked really beautiful and I loved the different shades.
St George	Sidney— I have really enjoyed maths this week because I am getting on to the Deepen it more and more. Arthur - I loved computing this week when we investigated Scratch.
St Teresa	Alex and Raffy- we have been tasked with creating a new picture for the hall. I really enjoyed working with oil pastels it made me feel really calm and learning about Roman numerals especially making numbers never made before. Harmony - I really enjoyed learning about Greta Thunberg and Pope Francis, where we created our own co-creator's speech and went on a march.
St David	Lawrence - The maths test that we did tested our brains and made me think quicker. I enjoyed it! Edith - I am enjoying art because it is a much more challenging subject in Year 6.

SPECIAL DIET/ALLEGIES—SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child has any allergies/special diet requirements you must inform the school office who will ask you to complete a form from Caterlink, the school contractors for meals. It is vital that all forms are accompanied with a referral letter from a medical professional (GP, consultant/dietician). The Admin Team will send all the information to Caterlink who will prepare a special menu for each child. Thank you for your cooperation.



CLASS MASS DATES

29th Sept—Year 4
6th Oct—Year 3
13th Oct—Harvest Liturgies in school
20th Oct—Year 2

Year 5 have created a prayer thinking about **Human rights**; focusing on how **we all have the right to feel healthy, happy and safe.**

Lord God,
Protect the people who are having to leave their homes because of the hurricane.
Bless those who have lost friends and family or who are in danger.
Guide those who are younger and are unaware of what is going on in their country.
Help all families who are scared to ensure they have food to eat, water to drink and shelter from the horrible storm.
Please help to bring a level of calm in this situation.
We hope the days ahead are better than the ones that came before.
Guide those who are in the darkness of the storm and please help them to live a great life following you after the hurricane ends.
Thank you for taking care of them and protecting them.

CONTACT INFORMATION—*To try and save printing and paper costs we will not be sending out Data Sheets but rely on you to inform us of any changes to your child's contacts.*

Thank you Admin Team.

