



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from Mrs Howell

As the temperature has begun to drop it is finally beginning to feel like November. Please remember to send your child to school dressed for the weather. If you don't live in Nympsfield, the chill factor here is at least 2 degrees below where you live!

It has been great to get back to taking teams out to compete in local tournaments. Last week a mixed Year 5 and 6 team went to play football. As usual, they were smart, played as a team and supported one another - this was commented on by other members of staff from local schools. Although the team didn't win the tournament, they certainly won the vote for best sportsman ship and skilled play. Well done, Jimmy, Emily, George, Alfie L, Manny, Arthur, Raffy and Theo, you all did us proud. Thank you also to Mrs Daly and Mrs Jagger for taking the team to the event.

On the 10th November Mary Cox, the new Director of Education for the Diocese and Paul Kehoe came to visit us at St Joseph's. It was coincidental that the children are taught RE on a Thursday morning. We joined reception for their first ever class visit to Mass. The children were incredibly well behaved. This was followed by a tour of the school where we dropped into all of the classes to speak to the children. As usual, our children showed our visitors how well they learn and how they try to be the best that they can be in all that they do. As usual, our children were delightful and Mary went away impressed with the outstanding attitudes to learning that she saw. Just a reminder, you are more that welcome to join us on a Thursday for class Mass - the date that your child's class will be going was in the newsletter at the start of the year.

Year 6 and reception delivered a moving remembrance service where we were encouraged not only to think of the service men and women who gave their lives for us but to think about the ones who continue to serve for us today. It was lovely to see so many parents there and especially those parents of other year groups across the school. Thank you for your feedback that you gave us and thank you to the staff and children who worked hard to deliver the service for us.

Saturday 12th November - the return of the KLB cross country races. What a brilliant morning. The weather was kind to us. The children did so incredibly well, they ran the best that they could, encouraged and supported one another throughout the morning. Yet again, we were incredibly proud of our children. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the event and especially to Mr Britton and Mrs Pinnock who work incredibly hard to prepare the children for the event. Next race, 3rd December, I can't wait!

Last week was anti bullying week, this year the theme was REACH OUT. All of the classes spent some dedicated time completing activities and relating to events. I had the pleasure of sharing a story with the children on Wednesday during liturgical prayer, about how it felt to be left out. The week ended with Reception sharing a dance that they made up to a song telling everyone that kindness is free. Thanks goes to Mrs Freckleton for the time that she put in to planning the activities for all of the children.

Year 6 enjoyed a stem KNEX workshop on Wednesday, where they were designing and making a rubbish sorting machine. Congratulations goes to Sophia and Freya whose design won. They will go through into the finals against other schools later on in the year.

Thank you to all of the parents who came into school for structured conversations. We hope that you found this meeting worthwhile. As ever, if you have any feedback then please let us know how we can improve this for you.

The KS1 nativity rehearsals are well under way, a letter will come out this week asking you to book your tickets. And, the KS2 children have begun to practise singing carols for this year's Carol Concert. After the positive feedback that you gave us last year, we will be holding the concert outside in our playground again this year, with refreshments being served by our amazing PTA. We will need to keep everything crossed for a dry evening! All are welcome, we will be inviting our neighbours from the village too.

I have been delighted also with the amount of children who have joined the school choir. At the moment, we are preparing to sing carols for some residents in a local care home and we will be holding an afternoon in school where we will invite the local community in for a cup of tea, mince pie and some Christmas carols. Parents of children who will be singing in the choir are warmly welcome too.

This Friday the Pre-school will be holding a cake raffle. Tickets will be on sale at school drop off and pick up, just look out for Leah Farrer or Anna Hitchings. The raffle will be drawn in celebration assembly on Friday, this is something that the children really enjoy - especially if they win! Finally, I would just like to remind you that, Thursday 24th November is a non-uniform day, this is in exchange for a prize to go into a Christmas hamper. The items can be anything at all Christmassy. I am sure that you have seen the PTA countdown to Christmas raffle poster. There are some amazing prizes to be won tickets are on sale now.

God of love, we pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.

Instead of hatred, let there be love. Shelter your children and

protect us. Guide us and keep us from harm, so we can build

a world of love and live our lives in peace.

Amen.



Class News!



St Mary	Edward - I love playing outside. Phoebe - I like writing a letter to Father Christmas!
St Joseph	Alvin - I like phonics. Ruari - I enjoyed going to multi-skills club and I like MOT lessons.
St Peter	Julia - I like the dancing that we did in the hall. I also like doing our MOT. We've been adding up the numbers. Elliot - I liked playing a chasing game with my friends. I also like doing Maths because I like it when we take away the tens. We can use a number square to help us.
St Patrick	Henry - I really like learning about the Stone Age and that there are loads of clubs. Isabelle - I like doing the Stone Age, we have made paint like how people in the Stone Age would have.
St George	Charlotte - I loved literacy because we got a retell and it was really interesting. Sidney - I have really enjoyed progressing with my times tables- I did two boards on one day!
St Teresa	Elsie - I enjoyed literacy because I really like the story of Grendel and Beowulf. Lauren - I enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings over a period of time.
St David	Stan - We had a Knex workshop visit school and it was great fun participating in it. Emily - I've enjoyed doing the Anti-Bullying Week activities and Mass at church was lovely too.



Please use the link below to see the collective worship newsletter for November:

[Parent Newsletter –](#)

[Ten:Ten Resources
\(tentenresources.co.uk\)](http://tentenresources.co.uk)

**Christmas lunch Tuesday
13th December—order
forms have been sent
home. Please return by
Monday 28th November at
the latest—no exceptions
as Caterlink need to know
numbers so enough food is
ordered. Thank you.**



*Thurs 24th Nov—Non uniform day in
exchange for PTA hamper gift
Fri 25th Nov—Dursley and Nailsworth
Councillors visiting Y6
Mon 28th Nov—Advent Retreat 1.30pm—
parents are welcome
Thurs 8th Dec—KS1 Nativity 9.30am and
2pm
Tues 13th Dec—Christmas dinner
Tues 13th Dec—KS2 Carol Concert
Wed 14th Dec—School panto (in-house)
Thurs 15th Dec—Christingle
Fri 16th Dec—Christmas Breakfast
Fri 16th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 16th Dec—Assembly hamper raffle
9.30am
Fri 16th Dec—Key Stage parties in the
morning
Fri 16th Dec—End of term 2 at 1.30pm*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Application forms for the next preparation course are available from the school office or the back of St Dominic's Church. Candidates should be at least 8 years old, or in Year 3 at school, to benefit fully.

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.