

St Joseph's Out of School Club

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Front Street, Nympsfield, Stonehouse GL10 3TY

December newsletter 2017

It seems only last week that we were welcoming our new children to St Joseph's and the OOSC, and now Christmas is just around the corner! Christmas activities are in full swing in the Club with Santa's Grotto built, Christmas cakes made and ready for icing this week and letters to Santa shortly to be written... With so much in the diary, we're finding it hard to fit everything in to the few short weeks remaining of this term!

Here's a quick update of some new initiatives that the OOSC committee have been working on this term to benefit our children.



£500 grant awarded by Gloucestershire County Council Children's activity fund 2017.

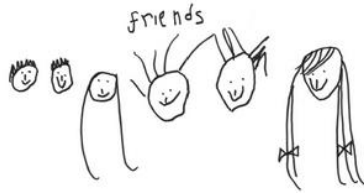
Project "Challenge yourself!"

Launching in January 2018, the objective of this initiative is to provide the children with a range of activities in which they'd not normally participate, taking them out of their every-day comfort-zone.

"Challenges" are varied and could include:

- Thinking and learning about a country or group of people that they would not normally have exposure to (for example learning sign language)
- Challenging themselves physically – not just about speed, but precision and co-ordination
- Undertaking an activity that is totally alien to them – such as a new instrument or skill
- Being a leader

Our first planned activity is Circus Skills. Further details to follow...



Fighting food waste with Tesco's Fare Share programme.



The OOSC is now signed up to this brilliant initiative which aims to cut out the waste of perfectly good food. We now benefit from regular donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, breakfast items and the odd treat from the local branch.

Satisfying those rumbling tummies after school

We all know that the children need a little something to perk them up after the school day. However, ask your child what they had for snacks at OOSC and they'll probably say something along the lines of "toast", "crackers" or perhaps "plain pasta"; answers that probably don't inspire you!

We wanted to reassure parents that we offer a wide range of healthy snack so here are just a few examples of what is on offer:

Breakfast: Porridge, toast, cereal

After school: wraps: ham, egg, tuna and cheese; scrambled egg/spaghetti hoops on toast; pasta with sauce or grated cheese; homemade soups; hot dogs; dips with pitta bread/breadsticks etc

There is ALWAYS fresh fruit available for the children to help themselves to.

Investing in our team

The OOSC Committee recognise that we owe so much to the OOSC team – they provide a warm, caring and stimulating environment for our children and many of us would be lost without them.

The Committee are committed to investing in the team and are delighted that Marie Knight has asked to be enrolled in the EYS level 3 course. Marie will be undertaking this training over the next year, with the training taking place at St Joseph's.

We would like to wish Marie every success with this training and thank her for the hard work that this is going to require.

As always, we welcome constructive feedback from parents and children alike – please don't hesitate to get it touch using the details below. Finally, the OOSC Committee would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Best wishes, the OOSC Committee.

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