

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs D'Arcy

What a busy fortnight! Our children have been out and about, in and around the local area, looking after God's creation. The #litterheroes in Y2 did an amazing job at picking up all of the rubbish in our school grounds and were shocked by the amount of rubbish they found! Equally Y1 were out in the village, picking up litter and looking after the local area—well done to all and thank you to parents/carers who accompanied the children.

Thank you to the Reception parents that attended the phonics evening led by Miss McCarthy. The Powerpoint used is on the school website (St Mary's class page) so please do take a look if you haven't already. Well done to all who managed to return the Cauliflower cards on time—they are so lovely to send at Christmas and the children are always very proud of their efforts!

I am immensely proud of all of the children that took part in the KLB race last Saturday. They were all amazing! A special mention to Erin Musty who came second in the senior girls race and Isabelle D'Arcy who won the junior girls race! Thank you to all of the parents that came along and supported the school—it was rather wet and windy!

Well done to Conrad, Erin, Filip and Nathanael from Y6 who represented the school in a mathematics challenge—they were great ambassadors for the school!

I am sure you will agree that the Harvest Liturgy was fantastic. The children sang their hearts out! The prayers of thanks that the children had written were beautiful! I was particularly impressed with the Y6 rap! Well done to all, especially the team of staff who brought it all together. The donated food will be taken to the Food Bank on Monday so any further donations are gratefully received.

Get your dancing shoes ready for the school disco tomorrow! A big thank you to the PTA who are working hard to make this another great success. As a result of all of the fundraising, the PTA have very kindly paid for several new cameras so that the special moments in school can be captured. They have also paid for several new iPad cases! Please join them for the next meeting

do let us know! Looking ahead, Y2 have their school trip to Woodchester to look forwards to next Thursday and St Teresa's class are looking forward to their Macmillan event next Friday (2pm-4pm). Please do come along and join us!

Finally, please do take a look at the school website—the children have worked hard to update them and they really class blogs are

In Your Prayers

All of those who are unwell and are in need of care.



Class News!



St Mary	Tansy is enjoying cheerleading club after school on Wednesdays, especially with Megan and Isla. They like shaking the poms poms. Freya enjoys playing with her friend James; at playtimes they run around chasing each other.
St Joseph	Jacob likes playing on the log trial with Lily and Roxie at lunchtimes. Toby has been writing about the charity Greenpeace who work to protect and conserve animals all over the world.
St Peter	Reuben's class re-told the story of Amos and the plumbline at the Harvest Liturgy today. Isaac loves to play football at playtimes; he is a defender.
St Patrick	Francesca is writing poems all about the rainforest. Last Friday in cookery with Mrs Barron the children made strawberry crunch—yum, yum. Aeva is enjoying the Friday Music Workshop, Ben is very funny.
St George	Amber is learning a story about 'Oliver and the Space Museum'. Isabelle is learning a new story called 'Jabbawok meets Alice'. The class are learning about planning holidays—her trip is to Portugal which will include a meet and greet with Ronaldo.
St Teresa	At Forest School on a Friday Ava has been learning about where food comes from and fairtrade products. In PE on Fridays the topic is football. At the Harvest Liturgy today Alfie's class drew pictures of the creation story. He is really enjoying the music workshop with Ben where the group are writing a school song.
St David	Jess is doing a big write and re-telling the story of Pi. On Fridays with Chrissie in Forest School the children are learning where different foods come from. In politics she has been learning about the Suffragettes, which is very interesting. In numeracy Thea is adding decimals inside of remainders to divided numbers. Thea's class wrote a rap all about food at the Harvest Liturgy.



Weekly REACH Awards
28th September and 5th October 2018



St Mary	Rory Williams, Megan Wright, Nicholas Dyke and Sidney Shipton
St Joseph	Toby McKenzie, Lily O'Reilly, Pippa Munday and Matilda Maltby
St Peter	Florence Scott, Ava Wand, Stanley Beard and Freya Riggall
St Patrick	Hamish Harper, Hector Jewkes-Long, Lola-Rose Jones and Millie Guess
St George	Oscar Artz, Pippa Grimsey, Eliza Mace and Caleb Gowie
St Teresa	Gracie McPherson, Lily Tarr, Emilia Spencer and Alfie Gordon
St David	Jessica Foran, Alfie Mace, Kara Hillier and Betty Wood



I don't know about you, but my two children keep coming home totally brimming with enthusiasm about what they've learnt at school each day. So much so that they continue their lessons by looking through books related to the rainforests, planet earth and the other great things they're learning about and setting up a class room to teach their teddies and toys all about it! I'm sure you've noticed the change to Friday lessons too, with the children deepening their learning and gaining new skills (sometimes unbeknownst to them) through having a great time outside or through cooking and doing other fun things! Well, in case you didn't know, all this has come about through a huge amount of hard work by Mrs D'Arcy and her team who have risen to the challenge agreed with Governors last year to create this exciting new curriculum to broaden and further enrich learning at St. Joseph's. Based on the new REACH - Resilience, Empathy, Aspirational, Challenged, High expectations – this is already showing strong signs of having great potential to enable our children and St Joseph's Catholic Primary school to further flourish. I hope you'll join me in congratulating them all for their great work! Thank you! **Perry Guess—Parent Governor**

*MARY POPPINS DVD—are still available to buy from the school office at £10.00 each.
THANK YOU*

The doors open at 8.40am so the children are settled by 8.50am when their learning begins. Please try and arrive in plenty of time each day.

There is a cake raffle every Friday morning, tickets are on sale by the school office and a yummy cake is the prize. 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. The school sponsor a child through the charity Action Aid and this year one week a month Year 6 are going to run the cake raffle to raise funds for their PGL residential next June.



Forthcoming events

11th Oct Harvest Liturgy — KS1 9.15am KS2 10.00am
15th Oct Week of Awe and Wonder
(children learn about the Hindu faith)
16th Oct Parent Forum 9.00am—all welcome
19th Oct Macmillan coffee morning—all welcome
19th Oct End of Term 1
29th Oct Inset Day—only staff to attend school
30th Oct Term 2 begins
31st Oct
/1st Nov Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

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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