



From Mrs D'Arcy

Diocese of Clifton

Faith, Hope, Love

# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break—didn't it go quickly! It has been fabulous to see all of our lovely children back into the swing of things! They all seem to have settled very quickly into their new year groups with their new teacher. A big, warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families—you are most welcome! I have been so impressed with how well the children have come into school—I'm sure they must feel a little overwhelmed at times but each day as they grow in confidence, they will be skipping into school!

I would like to welcome some new members of staff including Mrs Beavan who will join our Reception team! Please refer to Mrs Elliott as Miss Gardiner from now on.

I hope that you have all signed your children up for the clubs that are on offer. We are delighted with the broad range that is on offer. If any parent would like to support/offer a club, then please do let me know. Equally—I am looking for a couple of runners to help me with cross country. Please add the following dates to your diary for our KLB races: **6th October, 10th November, 1st December, 2nd February**. It is expected that the children represent the school on just 4 occasions—we have often brought the trophy home and would like to continue with our great sporting reputation!

I'm sure you will agree that the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the aquarium—it really was a great day and the children (and staff) all learned many new facts. What a wonderful world we live in—but we need to begin by looking after it with more care and love. Hopefully, the children are very clear about our school vision, changes to Golden Time (now REACH time) as well as the purpose of the learning activities that we have implemented on Fridays. We are still looking for a word/phrase to use when we refer to it! All ideas welcome!

Thank you to the fabulous PTA who held a meeting on Monday. Whilst it was disappointing to see so few parents come along, the team are very pro-active and have several events in hand including: sheep racing event, school disco and the Christmas Fayre. Please do come along and help—we cannot survive without your support and as a growing school, it would be lovely to welcome some new parents!

As we look ahead, we look forward to our new term Mass on Thursday 20th September, all clubs begin next Monday and a parent forum on 16th October at 9:00am. This is an opportunity for you to talk to the SLT about what is working well, feedback on the changes that we have made and any further suggestions you might have. Please do join us! Very kindly, Jemma Jewkes and Guy Long are offering to run an information evening on keeping children safe on line—more details to follow! Please do remember to use the [seniorleadership@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:seniorleadership@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) e-mail address should you need to contact the SLT.

Finally—it would be great to get some feedback on the school website. We're really pleased with it, but does it work for you?

'Nurturing and cherishing creation is a command God gives not only at the beginning of history, but to each of us. It is part of his plan; it means causing the world to grow responsibly, transforming it so that it may be a garden, a habitable place for everyone.' Pope Francis

## In Your Prayers

We pray for those who work in schools that they may be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



## Class News!



St Mary	Jed built a toy tower out of brown bricks. He said it is bigger than any other toy tower. Orla like playing in the sand pit with her new friends.
St Joseph	Alex is glad to be back at school, he likes playing football and puppies with his friends. Claude had lots of fun at Bristol Aquarium, it was a big surprise for him and his friends. He liked the sharks and fish in the big tank.
St Peter	Ellie really enjoyed the day at Bristol Aquarium—the stringrays and jelly fish were the best. Sophia said her new class topic is all about the world. The class have been doing recounts about the Aquarium trip. She said Rainbow maths is fun, she is learning times tables and all about division.
St Patrick	Faith likes retelling the layers of the rainforest; she has learnt lots of fun facts. Toby is really enjoying being back at school, in particular his new topic 'God's Creation'.
St George	Maisie likes the teachers and all her friends at school. Last Friday in PE she did lots of sports including skipping and jumping. Oscar likes his new teacher Miss Browning. He is sitting with new friends for maths.
St Teresa	Willow has been writing follow ups in Guided Reading. On Friday she is doing forest school. Piers loved the Aquarium, especially the sting-rays, sharks and other poisonous fish.
St David	Ava is running for Eagles House Captain, she has put her posters up around the school. She promises to be there for all the children and she will help them when needed. May is enjoying the new timetable on Fridays, last week she did forest school and debating.



**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER SEPT 2019**—hopefully all Year 6 parents received a transfer letter in their child's book bags last week. If not please speak to the schooloffice ASAP.

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

3rd Oct	Phonics evening 6pm (reception parents only)
6th Oct	First cross-country race at KLB, Wotton
9th Oct	School photos
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
w/c 5th Nov	Y6 Bikeability Training
10th Nov	KLB race 2 10.00am
1st Dec	KLB race 3 10.00am Christmas Fayre

**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.**