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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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17th July 2023 Term 6-3

From Mrs Howells

The final week of academic year 2022-23 and what busy few weeks to lead us up to the last one.

We have welcomed some new members of staff to our school family, Mrs Staples, a teaching assistant, Mrs Blick a learning support assistant and Miss White, who will be teaching Year 2 in September, has joined us for the end of the summer term. We also welcome the Whittard family, Edith has recently joined us in Year 1.

We have had successful transition afternoons for KS1 and EYFS and REACH sessions for KS2. All of our children have met their new teacher and parents have been given the opportunity to meet our new members of staff in KS1.

Thank you for those of you who manage to make it into school to welcome them.

On Sunday 9th July, several parents helped to serve tea and cakes at an open garden in the village. Despite the showers, what an incredible turn out it was. Thank you so much to Rebecca Steel, Catherine Pinnock, Lucy Watts and Abbie Wand for your baking and afternoon of serving and to Evie-Mai, Austin, Ava and Ella who also helped for the afternoon and showed the customers how they could be the best that they could be! Thank you also Becky Maltby for co-ordinating the event.

Last week was Health Week – and what a week it was. There were so many opportunities for the children to try out new things and despite the unpredictable weather nearly all of the activities went ahead.

Thank you to Mrs Hitchen who started us off every day with the daily mile, except for Friday when it was pouring down with rain!

Monday's activities were Skippy John, Long Term Athletic development, Pop fit, mindfulness clay pots and Touch Rugby. Thank you to Mr Stevenson and TJ, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Faulkner and Dr Chalmers.

Tuesday was sports day – and we nearly managed it all! Thank you to the parents who helped with the morning activities, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Timbrell, Mrs Batten, Mrs Di Stazio, Mrs Jagger, Iona Jenkins, Anya Jenkins, Holly Howells, Mrs Wand and Miss Stanton.

Then our helpers for the afternoon Mr Britton who started all of the races and Mrs Beeston who was on the finishing line. But mostly thank you all for bringing your brollies and coming to support the event – and still smiling and telling us how much you enjoyed it even though you were all soggy! The scores are really close between 2 houses so we are hoping to run the KS2 events and relay at some point this week – we need to know who is the 2023 winner.

Wednesday's activities were creative movement, dental care and field running. Thank you to Mrs Lai, Ms Allen, Mr Lai and Mr Amigoni.

Thursday started off with the inter house Llama Racing. What a great event this was – thank you to Mrs Hamlin and the house captains for arranging it and well done to Eagles, who won the event. This was followed by dance and yoga. Thank you to Morgan Webb, Holly Howells and Mrs Hurrell.

Thursday afternoon - whole school picnic. What a great event. Thank you all of you who managed to join us to support this event. Our Year 6 children did a great job with their grow a £5 initiative, raising £350 which they are donating to the Marion Centre, the Eco-Committee raised £75 for their marine charity with their stall – thank you to all of the staff who were prepared to join in the fun! And our lovely Reception class raised £50 to save the Polar bears, something that they wanted to do following on from some of their learning. And gardening club raised £24 from their gooseberry sales.

Friday, the rain really did pour! A huge thank you to Mr Stevenson who came in and did a fun focused skills session with some of our children and to Mr Neville who postponed to today.

The sports crew led daily activities and there were assemblies about water safety from The Pulse and Severn Trent. Our R, KS1 and Year 3 children came home with a Skippy the Kangaroo – donated by Mr Hoyle – thank you so much. Thank you also to our PTA who were there throughout the week selling ice-creams and refreshments.

What an incredible week it was for our children – thank you to all of the parents for generously supporting this week with your time and sessions, which made it so much fun and to Mrs Daly for organising and co-ordinating the week.

And here we are – the final week. It is the week of Awe and Wonder and the children will be learning about Sikhism. The staff will play our Year 6 at rounders, there will be a Leavers Mass, House singing and a final leaver's assembly on Friday.

Our Year 6 leave us on Friday to move onto their new school. I would like to thank them all for working hard to be the best that they can be while they have been at St Joseph's, we are so proud of them all and wish them all the very best for their new schools.

I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday, enjoy some well-deserved time with family and friends and we will look forward to seeing you in September when your children move up into their new classes.

Class News!



St Mary	Rosie - I loved the races even though I was shy! Sam - I like the daily mile!
St Joseph	Freya- I enjoyed doing Skippy John. Edith- I loved sports day especially the egg and spoon race.
St Peter	Elliot – I like doing Maths at school. I liked telling the time with clocks. Bonnie – My favourite was the skipping because it was really fun doing the jumps!
St Patrick	Hebe – Doing the daily mile with my mum was amazing and it energised me for the day! Henry – Sports day was my favourite, I loved the long distance races.
St George	Jed- I really enjoyed Sports day because we got to do the House activities and I really enjoyed the sprinting. Arthur- I loved the Year 6 stalls in the school picnic- sponging the teachers was so funny!!
St Teresa	Ed – This week was fun because we met the new teacher in Yr 2 we finished our Egyptian Funeral masks and we wrote our name in hieroglyphics. Olivia – I liked making the masks and trying to write my name in Egyptian hieroglyphics
St David	Emily - It was really fun showing the parents our production because we have worked really hard on it for the last 5 weeks. Lorry - I enjoyed writing the Macbeth piece as we did some drama work earlier in the week.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following a new statutory requirement all schools in England have to open for at least 32.5 hours a week. Therefore, from September our school pick up time will change to 3.20pm.



PARENTPAY—All accounts must be debt free by this Friday 21st July 2023 please. We will be sending lots of reminders this week.
THANK YOU.

Mass on Thursday at 10am

20th July Whole School



Dear mighty God, thank you for the lovely world we live in. Thank you for all the confidence we have. Thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the drinks we drink, the love in my Mummy, Daddy and Ava. The happiness in myself and around, the shelter you give me, the lakes with creatures. I sing because I am happy, I hope everything is with me, he sets me free. He loves me and I love him, and I know he watches me.
Amen
By Ella—Year 1



This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout July and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/programmes/collective-worship/>



Diary Dates

w/c 17th July
20th July
20th July
21st July
21st July
4th Sept
5th Sept

Week of Awe and Wonder
Leavers Mass at 10am
House Singing competition at 1.30pm
Leavers assembly at 9am
School finishes at 1.30pm
INSET day no children
Term 1 begins for all