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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells



Where does the time go? Only one more week to go and we will all have made it through a term of remote learning! I have a few reminders for our remote learners, please can you remind your child/children that cameras must be on at all times - unless the class teacher asks them to turn it off. Part of our Code of Conduct is that children should either wear school uniform or PE kit, that includes on their bottom half too - pyjama bottoms can be seen when a child stands up! Please can you make sure that your child reads the feedback that teachers are sending to them, sometimes when teachers make reference to their feedback they are finding that some children do not know what they have said. It is great that this has so quickly become our new way of life but something to be mindful of..... the lower down the school we go, the more parents are likely to be present when their children are in lesson. If you are behind your child, it is likely that you can be seen in the classroom too. Equally, if your child is unmuted and talking to their class teacher and you are on the phone/having a conversation - the whole class gets to hear it!

Having said that, we cannot thank you, our parents at home, enough for working with us and supporting your children so well to enable us to continue with their teaching and learning. We fully understand that this is not easy and a team effort in many cases - so thank you.

We are delighted that Miss Browning is well enough to come back to school. As many of you will know, she has been poorly and not in school for the last few weeks. Her class have of course missed her but have been super stars for our amazing HLTAs Mrs Barron and Mrs Ferris, who have worked above and beyond to keep the learning going in Year 4. They have jumped in with both feet and managed many technical issues along the way. I don't know what we would do without them!

As you know, the Lateral Flow Testing Programme began last week and we are relieved that all of our staff have come back negative after the first round, which as you can imagine is greatly reassuring.

This week has been Children's Mental Health week. I would like to thank Mrs Freckleton for her whole school assembly and with a bit of help from Miss Busby, her support of the teachers in planning an activity for all of the children to 'express themselves'.

Next week on Tuesday 9th February 2021, it is Safer Internet Day with actions taking place right across the globe. With a theme once again of "Together for a better internet", the day calls upon all stakeholders to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people. Each class will be taking part in internet safety lessons at some point during the week, very important in our current climate.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the amazing staff at St Joseph's who work tirelessly to be the best that they can be in supporting our children to **REACH** in all that they do. How far we have come in such a short time....

In Your Prayers

God of hope, love and mercy, united in prayer with our global family, we ask for quick control of the virus that is spreading in our world.

We pray for our sisters and brothers who are affected, especially those in poor communities without healthcare.

Heal the sick, give eternal life to those who have died and console families who have lost loved ones.

Help governments and health authorities to make wise decisions for the good of everyone.

We pray that medicine for the sickness will be quickly found.

Hold us all in your merciful love. Amen.

Based on a prayer from the Bishops of Africa and Madagascar



Class News!



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| St Mary | Ilithyia - I like making cards in the art area for my teachers, my mummy and my friends. Rose - I like doing colouring and I like learning about Harry and the robots. Harry's robot fell over. |
| St Joseph | Bobbie: We have made African art using strips of colour. Oliver: We dance in PE and I love it! |
| St Peter | James - I've been completing my deepen it a lot in Maths. I did really good measuring and weighing this week in Maths. I like it because I really like the way we used the scales and the measuring devices. Freya - I like playing with my friends. I like playing hangman using the whiteboards outside. |
| St Patrick | Year 3 have enjoyed exploring poetry this week. |
| St George | Harvey H: I have liked playing with my friends and have also enjoyed subtraction in maths. Sadie: I enjoyed art with Mrs Busby, she used lots of different colours and she used purple and that's my favourite colour! |
| St Teresa | Year 5 have enjoyed well-being week, looking at Paul Klee's Art Work and expressing what makes them happy. |
| St David | Molly - I have enjoyed our new light topic in Saint David's class - especially our end of term quiz (ran by Miss Fry) based upon all of our learning. Isabelle - This week I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Saint Paul (also known as Saul) in our God Matters lessons. |

CHANGE OF DETAILS—Please let the school office know if you change any of your personal contact details. If you are not receiving any school emails, again please let the Admin Team know. **THANK YOU.**



Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking at school. Try to use the village hall, it's only a couple of minutes away. Thank you.



E-Schools —we are moving across to using our current website provider e-Schools to communicate with parents/carers—thank you if you have downloaded the app and are already using it. We have had good feedback saying it is very easy to use. So far approximately 55% of you have downloaded the app. At present we are still sending emails via the school admin address also but the plan and hope is to just use e-Schools in future. So please can we ask if you have not set an e-Schools account up please do so ASAP—usernames and passwords and an instruction sheet were sent home via your child in December. If you need a reminder of the login details or have any questions please email the Admin Team at admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk. This is different to the logins sent to you by email for TEAMS. Thank you.

