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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from Mrs Howells

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you all had a lovely summer break, which feels like a long time ago already! We would also like to welcome our new staff and families to the St Joseph's family. I would like to thank all of you who have offered such kind words and support over the last few months, especially of Miss Jones when she found herself in the driving seat for a few weeks, who did a great job. As you know I am on a phased return to school so if there is a slight delay in responses to your emails – that is why, however, we will deal with any issues as quickly as we can – the children always come first.

Whilst on the topic of communication, I would like to remind you all that general enquiries are through the office, phone call or email, any information or concerns that you may have about your child please email [slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will make sure that it gets to the class teacher. Alternatively, if it's just a quick passing of information class teachers are available on the playground after school for 5 minutes – please remember to keep your distance!

It has been a great start to the beginning of the year, all of the children have settled back in so well. I am amazed by our new reception class, how well they sit and listen – they have only been in school a few days and they made it into assembly this week – Miss Berry is delighted with the start that they have all made. we are now able to join together for assembly. It is lovely to be able to feel like a whole school again. How smart the children look, thank you for supporting us by making sure that your children are appropriately dressed in school uniform. The weather has been interesting – who would have thought wellies would be required last Friday?! The staff and children are really excited to be able to spend their Friday's more like we used to, outdoor learning, a REACH activity. The weather is changeable so if it's looking like it's going to be wet, please make sure that your child has wellies and waterproofs (**named**) in school that day so that their outdoor learning can go ahead.

Dinners are being served in the hall again and we have been delighted by how well the children have settled back into this. The School Council worked with Caterlink last year to ensure that the menu was to their taste and that dinners were up to the expected standard!

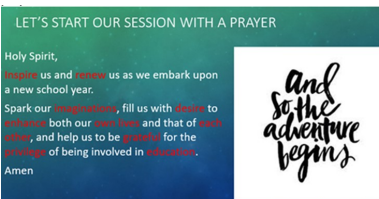
Mrs Barron is looking to recruit her new Chaplaincy Team this year. They did an amazing job last year of leading the prayer life for our school despite the issues that we had with bubbles. She is very much looking forward to having her Team all together as one again.

Next week will be exciting for Year 6 - they will be campaigning for the House Captain elections. The candidates will present a speech in assembly followed by advertising and canvassing throughout the week. The votes will take place on Friday and the successful candidates announced in assembly on Friday.

And the School Council, who have worked tirelessly with Mrs Jenkins and the PTA to design a trim trail that will suit the needs of everyone in our school community. Because of the unusual year we had and how challenging it was for the whole Council to meet last year, the class reps will remain for this year. The elections will be for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – perfect roles for those Year 6's who are committed to make a difference. Elections for those roles will follow the House Captain's elections.

Speaking of election, next week you will receive information about Parent Governor elections. We have 2 vacancies. If you would like to join the Board of Governors and be part of the strategic lead of the school then please do apply, equally please catch me or contact any of the Governors if you would like to learn more about the role and what is required.

Finally, thank you to our PTA who are working so hard to raise money to support our children and to you who support them – the ice cream sale made nearly £150 last week! They are on weather watch and if it's looking good, they might do another one.



## Class News!



St Mary	Millie—I played cars in the water tray. Archie—I like playing with the toy frog and I like seeing my Y6 buddy.
St Joseph	Molly— I like to read books and I like to do my MOT. Joni—I like that we are now doing assemblies.
St Peter	Olive – I've been doing God Matters. We have been learning about the world and how to look after it. I enjoyed it!  Edward – I'm enjoying Year 2. I've been playing football with my friend Alex. My favourite thing to do is God Matters. We've been learning about the Old Testament and the New Testament.
St Patrick	Samuel - I like Big Writes in Literacy because they are fun and I get better at writing.  Freya - I enjoy reading in class. I also like PE because Ollie and Steph make the lesson really fun.
St George	We have had a busy start to Year 4 and we have been using our REACH Fridays to create our own Venn diagrams for sorting living things as well as researching what we plant in the school garden at this time of year.
St Teresa	Florence- "I have really enjoyed doing the artwork, thinking about the world and all the positive descriptions and values" Theo -"I have enjoyed maths looking at really big numbers and doing some Roman numeral work!"
St David	Sam - 'I really like my teacher because she is kind, and she explains the lessons well, like in Maths when we were doing ordering decimals'. Jack - 'I have enjoyed drawing and colouring my 'Lifesland' because I was able to use a J for the outline for my island'.



**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER SEPT 2021—** hopefully all Year 6 parents received a transfer letter in their child's book bags last week. If not please speak to the school office ASAP.



### Department for School and Colleges Administrator

Following the retirement of our current administrator the department is looking to recruit a suitable replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9.30am-2.30pm Monday- Friday. Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies> or on the main diocesan website. The extended closing date is **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.**

