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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells



Where has the sun gone? So much for the plan of eating packed lunches on the field everyday. However, on the occasions that this has been possible it has been great to go outside and see the children enjoying playing with each other on the field. Although they are in their bubbles, looking across the field you have the illusion of our school at lunchtime pre-covid– it gives a good feeling of hope for safer times that we are all looking forward to.

We are now well into the month of May, one of the months when we should take time to think about Mary and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. Mrs Barron has been working with the Chaplaincy Team so that they are able to lead class prayer throughout the month, teaching their friends about Mary and how to pray the Rosary. I would also like to thank Mr Barron, who has been putting his carpentry skills to work to help us. He has made a brilliant carpenter's tool box for the display of work that was produced by the children from our St Joseph's Day Celebrations and he has made an amazing picture frame for the Year 6 oils pastels work, which has been put up for all to see just inside the KS2 entrance.

Exciting times for some of our Year 4 children who will begin to prepare for their Holy Communion with Mrs Gwyer and Mrs Thomas. The classes will take place on a Tuesday evening from 3.30-4.15pm and will be held in the outdoor classroom and our beautiful St Joseph's Church. The dates set for the Communion Mass is the weekend of 3rd and 4th of July 2021. Please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for that day – the weather is very mixed at the moment!

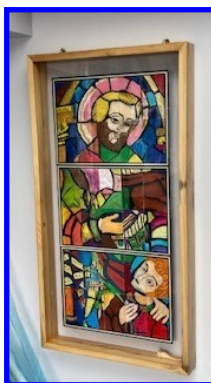
The week before last, Year 6 enjoyed a visit from Mark Wealdon, the School Beats Officer who was working with them on internet safety. The session was great, enjoyable and relevant to our Year 6 children who are preparing for the next phase of their school life.

Hopefully many of you enjoyed pizza's from the Priory Van last week, I certainly enjoyed my Truffle Shuffle and I am told that they were very busy all evening. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to come up to the village to support this event. The PTA are as ever planning what is next! They are working with the School Council to organise a non-uniform day later on this term, there will be the Smarties challenge over half term – see how many jobs you can get your children to do to earn some pennies and we are looking into a popular film night after half term. Their Rocket Fund has raised an amazing amount of money so far, please do share the link if you are able to <https://www.rocketfund.org/school-fundraising-pta>

At the risk of having a moan, please can I ask all parents to be considerate with their parking. Last week, a car parked on the pavement by the pub car park. There was little room for pedestrians to walk past and forced parents with prams/pushchair into the road because they were unable to fit through – obviously putting themselves and their children at risk of being knocked down at such a busy time outside of school. The Village hall, whilst a few minutes walk away, has plenty of space and would make it much safer for all. Please leave a few minutes early and make use of it.

Year 5 have been excited to learn who our Forest Green Rovers representatives will be next year. Congratulations to Micheal and Freya whose letter has secured them this much sought after privilege.

Finally, Year 6 have a busy week this week, they will be taking their fun quizzes – SATs. Although they will not be externally marked this year we have been working hard to make up missed learning and get our children back on track. These, along with other past assessments, will be used to support teacher's assessments across the school and we will let you know the level that your child/children is working at in their end of year report. To round off a busy week, they will be heading off for a fun day in Woodchester Woods – fingers crossed the weather is kind to them!



In Your Prayers

Dear Lord

Thank you for food and water. Thank you for the world, I wish people did not litter. Thank you for friends and family and our homes.

Amen

Jacob



Class News!



St Mary	Joni - I like to make things in the art area. I made a rubber for my whiteboard. Isabella - I like making things in the art area with junk modelling.
St Joseph	Edward - We have written a poem using similes and alliteration. Isabelle - I have thin lines in my literacy book now!
St Peter	Samuel – I liked Maths because I like completing the challenges. They are really fun! Charlotte – I've liked being back in school because I like seeing my friends again. Miss Jones always makes learning fun.
St Patrick	Jacob - I have enjoyed doing role play for different first aid hero scenarios. Lily - I loved doing Maths this week because sometimes in my Maths I get to Deepen it. Pippa - I have enjoyed learning Roman Numerals in Maths because it was fun!
St George	Reuben - I have enjoyed playing with my friends at break and lunch time. Freya - This week, I have enjoyed our Maths lessons. We have been learning about decimal points and comparing decimals.
St Teresa	Benedict—I am very much enjoying our new literacy journey about myths and legends because they're fascinating and incredible. Writing about the legend of Percival has been brilliant and I look forward to writing my own story very soon. Playing football at break time with my friends has been fun! Amelia—It has been very fun in Year 5 at St Joseph's and we have been learning lots of exciting things. It has been nice seeing all of my friends. I have particularly liked our new Topic so far: We are Scientists.
St David	Eliza—'I am extremely excited for the upcoming week where will be doing our fun quizzes, getting our leavers hoodies and going to Woodchester Mansion. It was an exciting reveal when Mrs Ferris came back!' Isabelle—'As a Year 6 student I am looking forward to completing our fun quizzes and attending Woodchester Mansion on Friday. This week I have enjoyed learning about the ancient Greeks because they were intelligent people and the subject is intriguing.'



eSchools —school correspondence is now being sent via the eSchools app. If you have not downloaded the app please check the school website regularly for updates and current information. If you need a reminder of the e-Schools login details or have any questions please email the Admin Team at admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS—please try to make appointments after the school day or during school holidays. We understand this is not always possible. If your child has to attend an appointment during the school day please provide an appointment letter or card from the hospital/ dentist etc. A scanned copy is acceptable.
Thank you.

THERE WILL BE NO MUSIC LESSONS THIS WEEK. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

