

# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From SLT



It's February already and we are fast approaching half term!

Firstly we would like to thank you all for supporting Orla and Joseph's idea of a non-uniform day to raise money for WIRES. The day raised an amazing £254.72. Well done you two for thinking of others and wanting to help them.

We are pleased that our eco committee is back up and running. Chrissie Neville, the lady who supported our staff with outdoor learning last year, led our eco committee and together they achieved bronze and silver awards. Mrs Piper has kindly taken over the committee and they are working together to achieve the gold award! They had their first meeting last term and will be updating you with their actions on the school website - please do take a look.

We are delighted that Miss Browning is feeling better and is back in school. Over the last few weeks we have had some poorly staff. We would like to thank our fabulous team who have stepped in to cover and ensure that the children still get the teaching that they deserve. We would also like to congratulate year 4 - the staff who have taught them have had nothing but praise for their behaviour and attitudes to learning - well done children!

Building update-the completion date has been delayed by the builders discovering an issue with the drainage outside the new school entrance. However, they are working to ensure that this is sorted and we hope that the work will be finished and the new school entrance up and running after half term...watch this space!

First Holy Communion classes have begun. We would like to thank Mrs Gwyer and Mrs Thomas for running these classes and preparing our children for this sacrament and very special occasion.

Just to remind you that the house singing competition is next Friday - 14<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm. If you have not already done so, please return your slips to the school office. Names will be drawn on Monday and you will be informed if you have been a chosen one!

We would like to thank all of the parents who have already responded to the pleas for playtime toys. They are being well used and enjoyed. We are pleased to announce that we have launched a new Citizenship Skills Award scheme for playtimes and lunchtimes. Over the past few months Mrs Freckleton has been working with the children to understand how they feel about playtimes at St Joseph's and what would make it better. The children were asked for ideas about behaviours they would like to see each other using in the playground. From this we decided that they should be skills that the children can achieve. The children have already been showing these skills and will now be bringing home a mini Citizenship Skills slip of paper to show you which skill they have been demonstrating. The skills that the children are working on are **Promote respectfulness**, **Look after everyone and everything**, **Always be kind**, **You are helpful** - **PLAY**. We will be celebrating your child's successes with rewards when they reach certain targets, these range from certificates to hot chocolates and lunch with Mrs D'Arcy or Mrs Howells!

**Coming soon** - The children have also come up with some ideas of clubs that they would like to take part in at lunchtime and we have asked the children to volunteer if they would like to run them.

**Equipment** - We are running out of tennis and foam balls (I'm not sure what is happening to them!) so if you have any old or unused balls at home we would be grateful for their donation. The children would also be grateful if you would donate any board games, dolls, action figures and cars that your child doesn't use anymore.

As always, if you have any suggestions for playtime or concerns, please contact Mrs Freckleton, she is always happy to chat to you.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is internet safety day. The children will spend the afternoon being reminded of how to stay safe online. It is a reminder to us all, as parents/carers, to ensure that our children are supervised when accessing the internet, that we have suitable parental restrictions turned on and to ensure that we are fully aware of the content of the games that we buy for them. It is easy to forget the potential dangers that are out there and how vulnerable children on the internet can be.

The staff can't wait until Friday evening for what is becoming a popular event - the PTA film night. Please can you ensure that you support our fabulous PTA by ensuring that you collect your child/ren on time.

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm

We warmly invite you to join us for our Lent Retreat. Please do come and join the children as they move around the school, taking part in activities thinking about the events that led up to Easter and what we can learn from them.

Finally, we would like to congratulate our fabulous team for the amazing news that we are in the top 1% nationally for reading! St Joseph's staff are highly committed to ensuring that the children REACH in all that they do and it doesn't get much better than this! Thank you to all of our parents and volunteers who kindly give up their time to come and listen to our readers-it really does make a difference.

## In Your Prayer

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be like a light shining in the sight of others and that through our good works, others may praise God.



## Class News!



St Mary	Henry has been making a pirate ship in class; he and his friends are enjoying being pirates! Finlay has been writing a thank you letter.
St Joseph	Harriet said in maths she has been measuring lines; she is playing football in PE. James is a Falcon and is having lots of fun rehearsing their House song 'Happy'. His favourite subject is maths and he can count up to 100! He has finished up to task 7 on his VCOP sheet.
St Peter	Imogen said in God Matters the children learnt the story of the cure of the leper. Pippa is looking forward to making clothes for the Minpin characters.
St Patrick	Lawrence loves art and has drawn an Easter card using watercolours, chalk and pastels. Alfie M said in God Matters the class learnt about another Fr Philip who used to be a very good football player; he gave the game up to become a priest.
St George	Lola-Rose has been rounding numbers up to the nearest thousand. She enjoyed French with Mrs Barron where the children wrote their family trees in French. Michael has been learning the column method for addition.
St Teresa	Isabel M likes learning about the solar system. She said that 30m earths could fit into 1 Jupiter. Claudia said the class are learning about rap in music and she liked listening to the Fresh Prince of Bel Air's song.
St David	Ted is writing fractions in maths. The class topic is 'light' and in literacy he is writing discussion text. Matilda has been doing creative writing and poems; writing different unique stories that you don't hear about every day eg the cowboy who rode a broomstick or the witch who rode a horse.



Weekly **REACH** Awards  
24th and 31st January 2020



St Mary	Edward, Olive, Edward and Henry
St Joseph	Violet, Isla, Jed and Arthur
St Peter	Claude, Roxi, Imogen and Orla
St Patrick	Will N, Nia, Sofia and Beatrice
St George	Aeva, Olly, Daisy and Benedict
St Teresa	Joseph, Emily, Maisie and Molly
St David	Freddie S, Prudence, Ruby and Willow

**MENU CHANGE 24th/26th February as follows:**

Monday 24th Feb will be Wednesday's choices:  
Roast chicken, Veg Wellington or jacket potato with tuna



ASH Wednesday 26th Feb—will be Monday's choices:  
Cheese and tomato pizza, lentil & sweet potato curry with rice or jacket potato with beans.

*Playleader Award—Amber*

*Mrs D'Arcy's Award—Rose*



Year 4 are organising a cake sale on Friday 14th February in aid of CAFOD. A text has been sent to all parents/carers of Year 4 children to asking for donations. The sale will take place at break, lunch and after school depending on the amount of donations! Thank you for your support.



*NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY for the Australian Charity WIRES raised £254.72. THANK YOU*

SCHOOL TRIPS

*Lots of exciting trips and events have been planned for the children please pay promptly by PARENTPAY. We thank the PTA for subsidising these events.*

- Y5 WW2 Experience Day on 1st April 2020—£15 per child*
- Y4 Slimbridge Wetlands on 14th May 2020—£13 per child*
- Y5 Sir William Romney experience day on 15th June 2020—£5.50 per child*

*30 dinner accounts are in debit please try to keep your child's dinner account in credit. Too much admin time is spent chasing payments. THANK YOU*

OOSC Holiday Club 2020

Feb half term 18th-20th Feb - Bookings now open

Easter holiday w/c 6th Apr

Summer holiday w/c/ 3rd & 10th August

Club will run three days each week. Full details available on the school website under Holiday Club.

Forthcoming events

- 12th Feb First Holy Communion class
- 14th Feb House Singing Competition
- 14th Feb End of term 3
- 24th Feb Term 4 begins
- 25th Feb Lent Retreat
- 26th Feb Structured conversations

**ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH QUIZ**—Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm. All proceeds to the chosen charity **Clifton Refugee Sponsorship**. Tickets are £8 each to include food from the local fish and chip shop in Kingshill, Dursley. For more information see flyers at church or speak to Miss Gardiner. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Congratulations to **Tristan, Connor and Kian** who won the yummy cake recently. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PTA EVENTS—full communications on each event will follow at the appropriate time.

Friday 7 February 5.45pm drop off, 8pm pick-up: Film Night at school

Friday 6 March 6pm to 7.30pm: School Disco

Wednesday 18 March 7.30pm: PTA AGM at school

Sunday 29 March 1.30pm-4.30pm Easter Egg Hunt