



Diocese of Clifton

Faith, Hope, Love

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

Well what a first week back to the summer term. We have of course been expecting and working towards our Section 48 (Diocesan Inspection) this year. The days went smoothly and the inspectors left saying that they had thoroughly enjoyed their time with us, the children were 'excellent' and the staff 'passionate' about the school. Thank you to those of you who completed the survey that was sent out last Monday. We now await the report and will share it with you as soon as it is published.

We usually aim to respond to any parental contact within 48 hours, however, that may not have been the case last week. If you have contacted us and are waiting for a response, thank you for your patience and understanding. Staff will be in touch with you this week.

Last Monday, the support staff went around school and collected all of the school uniform that had been abandoned. Anything that was named was returned to their classrooms. But, the quantity left over was remarkable.

Thank you to all of you who managed to check the piles and claim back your children's clothes. They will be out at the end of today and tomorrow – after that we will dispose of the unwanted items. Please do name your child's uniform and if you are buying second hand items from the PTA, please remove old names – it causes great confusion in school.

Before half term, Mrs Daly took a swim squad to Dursley pool for the annual swimming gala. This is the first time that the event has run since COVID. The children's performance was amazing! There was not a member of the squad who was not placed 1st 2nd or 3rd. As usual, the children represented the school incredibly well. Thank you and congratulations to Alfie L, Amelia, Ava, Emily, Felix, George, Lauren and Raffy. I would like to thank Mrs Daly for organising the event and Mrs Wooldridge who helped with transport.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their amazing support, by buying the plants that were on sale last week, you are donating to the success of our Garden Club. We would love to see how they grow, the crop that you get from them (broad beans or runners?) or what you cook with it. It would be lovely if when you get to that point you could send us some photos to share with the children. We would also like to thank all of the people who have donated to the plant sales: Mrs Daly's mum, Mrs Gwyer, Mrs Beeston, Mrs Hitchen and Mrs Meredith for their kind donation of plants for our growing garden and Mrs Gwyer for her ongoing support with her time with the children on a Friday, bringing plants along for the sale and making a very generous donation of some much needed potting compost for the garden. A small number of people are making a huge difference to this popular activity, so thank you all, especially Mrs Daly whose enthusiasm and commitment to the garden ensures that this activity is successful for our children.

The new look website was launched last Tuesday. Thank you all for your feedback, it has been really helpful. We hope that the routes of navigation are clearer for you, enabling you to access what you are looking for more quickly. Just to let you know, the art work with quick links on the front page were created by our Year 5 children.

Congratulations to Bertie and Annabel who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. I cannot wait for you both to come and tell me all about this special event and I hope you had a beautiful day with your family and friends. The sun is out and the weather glorious, please make sure that your child comes to school with a sun hat, full water bottle and sun cream.

This week is another busy one, District sports field events tonight (unfortunately we have just been informed this has been postponed to next Monday 19th June due to the weather forecast), we look forward to meeting the parents of our new reception children, who will be joining us in September tomorrow evening at the New Parents evening, followed by District sports track event on Wednesday evening at the new time of 5pm, which we are looking forward to and will let you know how our children get on.

Dear God

Thank you for being our light and guiding us in Faith, Hope and Love. Amen

By Poppy B (Y1)

Dear God

Thank you for leading us, for our family and friends and for teaching us. Amen

By Freya (Y1)



Class News!



St Mary	Poppy - I liked putting water on the baby dolls head because we did Baptism! Rocco - I like dressing up!
St Joseph	Blake - I enjoyed doing fruit tasting in DT Poppy P - I liked doing science and learning about the seasons.
St Peter	Julia – Last week we went to Rednock and we did lots of sports and it was lots of fun. James – I gained my silver reading badge and I was very excited. That means I've read 50 times at home.
St Patrick	Marmaduke – I liked using scratch to program actions into our sprite. Ellianna – I liked doing our shared write in literacy. We are looking at Fables.
St George	Megan - I have really enjoyed practicing my times tables- I am really excited for the test! James - I have loved so much this week! I loved maths and PE when we did running and inflatable football!
St Teresa	Lily- we enjoyed using the protractors for the first time because then we could learn how to measure angles. Alex- I enjoyed sketching St James Church in Dursley as part of our History learning.
St David	Ava - I have enjoyed doing the Oliver practise because it is interesting learning more about acting skills and the characters. Emily - It was great to do PE as this week we were doing different types of running skills and as an extra we had inflatable football.

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.



Mass on Thursday at 10am

15th June	Y5
22nd June	Y4
29th June	Y3
6th July	Y2
13th July	Y1
20th July	Whole School



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

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



Diary Dates

13th June—New Parents' Evening—EYFS
 15th June—Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral
 15th June—Y4 In the Net event
 28th June—Y6 production at 2pm
 29th June—Y6 production at 6.30pm
 29th June—Whole school transition afternoon
 30th June—PTA summer camp out

Please try to make medical/dental appointment after school or in the holidays. We understand this is not always possible but if you need to take your child to an appointment during the school day please provide proof by a letter or appointment card being emailed or shown to the Admin Team in advance. Thank you.