

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **R.E.A.C.H** through Faith, Hope, Love

Thursday 18th June 2020

It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of June, especially when we have experienced the tremendous down pour of rain, thunderstorms and lightening! Another week has flown by and I know that at times, we all find the current situation a challenge. But please do not struggle in silence-if you need help, please do contact me at [slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) so that we can put in some support. Sometimes, just having somebody to talk to often helps. On the back of this newsletter are some other helpful numbers.

Hopefully, you have received a telephone call from your child's class teacher. Thank you, to all parents for your lovely feedback and comments to the staff. We know that the children enjoy hearing from their teachers but it works both ways and staff were really pleased to talk to you! If you haven't received your call yet-staff are working their way through so please do not worry-we have not forgotten about you!

I would like to thank all of the team here at St Joseph's for their continued hard work. I would also like to thank Mrs Freckleton who has been working very closely with many of our families and I am sure you will agree, that her support is invaluable. I would also like to thank the Montague team who coach the children each Wednesday-I know how much the children enjoy their sessions!

## From the children!

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*Emilia has enjoyed eating her snack outside at snack time.*

*Finlay has enjoyed playing with his friends and making models in the woodwork area.*

Y1 Bubble A

*Jed: It has been great being back at school, I get to see my friends and really enjoyed writing instructions on how to make a disgusting sandwich.*

*Bertie: I have enjoyed our phonics books, they are a good treat after we've finished our work and it has some joined up writing.*

*Olivia: I have enjoyed maths this week as I really like learning about 3D shapes.*

Y1 Bubble B

*James: It's really fun being at school and I've worked hard. My favourite thing is being outside because we can play with the toys. I've been playing with Sidney. We played 'challenges' and we have been passing the ball to each other. We also do yoga. My favourite is Alice in Wonderland.*

*Isla: I really like being back at school. My favourite thing is seeing my friends because I haven't seen them for a long time. We've been doing Bug Club, Maths and playing. We've been playing football, basketball and throwing the ball in the hoops.*

Y6 Bubble A

*Layla : This week was leavers hoody week! I chose a burgundy hoody. It has everyone's name on and is really special as it feels like we have waited ages to finally have our hands on them! I have loved seeing all my friends now I'm back in school. As well as enjoying the sculpture trail that we made last week, I have also enjoyed making a Father's Day card this week. This week in PSHE, we learnt about spending and saving our money. We had a £50 budget and we had to work out what we needed for the month and what treats we could buy with our spare money.*

*Ruby: I have loved seeing my classmates now that we are back in school. My favourite activity this week has been our origami Father's day cards. I can't wait to give mine to Dad this weekend. I also love my amazing leavers' hoody and I can't wait to show it to my parents! This week in PSHE, we learnt how important sleep is and we made our own guided sleep meditations to help us drift off.*

Y6 Bubble B

*Leo: This week in school we have completed an art afternoon. We were able to learn how to draw cartoon characters, which was super fun and my favourite drawing was a Gregosaurus (by Rob Biddulph).*

*Posy: The activity I have most enjoyed this week has been our sewing project. In this project we have made clouds for a class display and have then stuffed them, making sure they look 3D!*

Key workers—  
Special Bubble

*Hamish - I have enjoyed seeing my friends at school and I've loved improving my drawing and playing frisbee outside!*

*Daisy L - I have really enjoyed the drawing we have been doing because it's making me lots better. Joe Wicks workouts have been really good fun and it has been fun being in school rather than home.*

# Mindfulness

The following websites have lots of tips, advice and coping strategies for good mental health:

**Mental Health Forum**—<https://www.mentalhealthforum.net/>  
- talk to people who know what it's like

**YoungMinds**—Information on child and adolescent mental health. Services for parents and professionals.

Phone: Parents' helpline 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm). Website: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**NSPCC**—has lots of information about working safely from home with a family, taking care of your mental health during lockdown, advice for children returning to school.

**Mind You**—<http://sites.southglos.gov.uk/mind-you/>



The Family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society.

— Pope Francis —

Several students have recently earned their first leaf on the Citizenship Skills Awards tree. These students either earned their certificates right before lockdown began or have completed the Great Dreams wellbeing check-in to share how they have demonstrated kindness, curiosity, resilience and self-esteem during homeschool. Congratulations and well done!

Rec - Olive, Edward

Y1 - Ayleigh, James, Bertie

Y2 - Rosalie, Bella

Y3 - Jimmy, Lani, Safia, Emily, George, Ava

Y4 - Jack, Ollie, Amelia

Y6 - Emilia

Additionally, four students have passed the next achievement level and earned 25 Citizenship Skills certificates. When they return to school, they will be awarded a golden citizenship pencil for use in lessons. Congratulations and well done!

Y3 - Florence, Ava

Y4 - Amelia

Y6 - Posy



Amazing piano playing by Leo  
Super reading by Lawrence

From Mrs Gwyer

Who or What is in In?  
e.g. Seven .... In a week. Days

T... in the Hole  
D.. in a manger  
M.. in the Moon  
A S..... in time saves nine  
D... in the wool  
C..... in Spain  
J... in the box  
The W... in the Willows  
A F... in one's ear  
S.... in the mud  
P.... in the middle  
P.. in the sky



Oscar's bird house that he made at home!



Glasses case made by Niamh-inspired by sewing bee.



Super work from Kobe

Ava in Year 3 has been a real Superstar—she wanted to help the NHS. She raised £177.76 by making and selling key rings to her neighbours, family and friends. Ava did keep to the social distancing rules! Her parents and all the teachers at St Joseph's are super proud of you Ava—WELL DONE!

