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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from Mrs Howells

Despite the sadness that has surrounded the start of this academic year due to the death of Queen Elizabeth, the children have made a great start to the year. They all seem to have had a good rest and have come back to school raring to go. The children have arrived back to school looking smart, many in their new uniform. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit. We welcome our new reception class who have started full time this week and have been superb. It is amazing how quickly they have settled in and are learning the ropes! Our Y6 have stepped up to their new positions as role models to the rest of the school and they have been so supportive and helpful to their new buddies especially at break times where they have made sure that they have had someone to play with and indeed played with them themselves. We welcome our new families to the school too Edith, Alice and Lois who have all settled in so well it feels as though they have always been part of the St Joseph's school family.

The term started off with the theme across the school inviting all of the children to 'roll up' in preparation for Happys Circus on the first Saturday of the year. The PTA, despite a morning of relentless challenges, again planned and delivered a great event. The children loved it! Thank you so much to the parents who came and supported the event and of course the PTA. Thanks also to the Wooldridge family who enabled the circus to go ahead by letting the circus take place in their field and to all the others in the village community who offered support throughout the morning.

Last week, Y6 children, who had aspirations to become the new house captains delivered their speeches to the rest of the school. We were all so impressed with them, the thought and time that was put into their speeches. They all did so well. It must have been a difficult decision for the children to know who to vote for. However, there can only be 2 house captains. This years house captains are :

Eagles – Bea and Isla Kestrels – Sam and Ava Hawkes – George and Isaac Falcons – Flo and Alfie

This week there will be speeches for the children to become chair and secretary for the school council along with class reps, eco committee elections and this year's Chaplaincy Team.

After the amazing achievement of the log trail, I'm not sure what project the school council will come up with..Mrs Jenkins is hoping for something a little less ambitious!

The term has not be the best start in terms of equipment and supplies. The company that we have always sourced all of the children's exercise books, reading records etc were ordered as usual in the summer term. These things would normally be delivered in July, however it was not. After some considerable chasing we were given a delivery date of the 5th September. Not ideal, but at least we would have had books – or not! The odd thing has appeared but not the whole order by any means. We have been given several delivery days, which have come and gone. We have resorted to ordering from another company and whilst the books are not the same, they are indeed books! This will have had an impact on reading records for some of our children and spelling books. I would like to apologise for the delay that this has caused to some classes with reading books and any upset this may have caused.

I'm sure that you have noticed that the logs have been secured at the front of the school and would like to thank you for keeping your children off the wall while you are waiting for the gates to open. Please can I also remind you that the wall leading up to the school gates is a dry stone wall and is not stable enough to be walked along / over. Thank you for your support with looking after it.

Clubs began this week, there are still some spaces left so if you would like to contact the school office they can let you know what spaces are available. Thank you also to the parents who are willing to support running club. If anyone else would like to support this club or indeed others, do please let the Admin Team know. Equally, if you have an interest and would like to add a wider variety to the clubs that we are able to offer, please do let us know and we'd be delighted to offer new ideas next term.

We are also celebrating our New School Year at Mass tomorrow, something that we are all looking forward to. All of the classes attend Mass, on a rota basis on Thursday at 10am. You are most welcome to join us when your child's class goes to Mass (or in fact any Mass) if you would like to. Please see the dates that your child's class will be attending Mass on the back of the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the parents who are giving up their time to come into school and support with reading as well as many other tasks. If you have any time that you are able to give to support in school, either with the children or other supportive tasks, please do not hesitate to let us know, there is always so much to do!

O mighty God help us remember Queen Elizabeth as we mourn her death and her long reign as a selfless, kind, caring and happy monarch. She was very good at her job, always with a smile on her face, she has really inspired me. Amen
By Spencer—Year 5

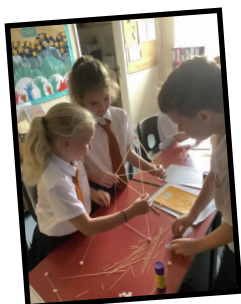
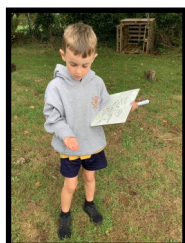


Class News!



St Mary	Isabella - I like drawing with Rosie. Sam - I liked playing with my buddy.
St Joseph	Winnie— I have loved doing Maths. Mia— I have really enjoyed Literacy doing our Big Write and learning the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear.
St Peter	Joni - I've like having new teachers. I like Guided Reading. Molly - I really like our new places where we sit in our classroom. In our outdoor learning, we had to look around outside to see what things were alive and not alive.
St Patrick	Edward – Making the dice was a lot of fun. I like learning how to make new things. Olive - I have really enjoyed making the dice this week, but my favourite is mental maths!
St George	James - It has been a really good start to Year 4. I've enjoyed meeting Mrs Carr. Charlotte - I really enjoyed the PE with the Montagu Academy, it was so much fun!
St Teresa	Lucy - I really enjoyed making frame structures using marshmallows and spaghetti... it was much harder than we thought it was going to be! Harmony— we took time to reflect on the Queen's passing by writing prayers and creating vibrant crosses that reflected the Queen.
St David	Alfie L - I enjoyed the active task (linked to our circus week), where you had to balance items on a donkey. It was fun! Flo - I enjoyed moving the natural objects from the school grounds to make my 'circle of close people'. The largest log was my Dad because he is a big influence in my family.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER SEPT 2022— 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.



CLASS MASS DATES

29th Sept—Year 4
6th Oct—Year 3
13th Oct—Harvest Liturgies in school
20th Oct—Year 2

Ten:Ten
Resources

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

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

CONTACT INFORMATION—To try and save printing and paper costs we will not be sending out Data Sheets but rely on you to inform us of any changes to your child's contacts.
Thank you Admin Team.

