

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from SLT

Another fortnight has passed us by and what a busy one it has been! The news that I am moving on at the end of this academic year has now been shared and I would like to thank parents and carers for lovely messages and cards. It is with very mixed feelings that I am moving on. St Joseph's has been my 'family' for nine years and it is very much part of who I am. I have been blessed with wonderful children, supportive parents, hard-working and dedicated staff and governors to support me during my time here and the school has gone from strength to strength. The school is in a securely good place now, for the next phase in its' journey—but it will always have a special place in my heart.

World Book Day – how much fun! Thank you to all of the children and staff who made such an effort to dress up as a Roald Dahl character! As ever the costumes have been varied and creative. Everyone looked amazing! The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops that they had with Katie and Sarah, KS1 even has some lickable wall paper! Thank you to the parents who paid promptly – we are still waiting for 60 parents to pay. Please could you do so immediately to save office staff time chasing for payment—£3.50 per child.

Please can we remind all parents that they are responsible for their children when they are in the playground. Last week there was an incident when a toddler was knocked over by a child from OOSC on a Didi car – fortunately the toddler was not hurt! However, when the OOSC are using the playground for such activities, parents need to ensure that their little ones are kept out of harms way!

On the Friday before half term a group of Year 4 children: Francesca, Emily, Hamish, Daisy, Faith, James, Millie and Harvey R planned, advertised and held a cake sale to raise money for CAFOD. They were very well supported by the Year 4 parents, who provided the cakes. They made an amazing £136.96! Thank you to the staff and parents who supported this event and enabling it to happen. We are so proud that our children show such empathy towards others to the point that they have invested the time it takes to make something like this happen. Well done to you all!

A small group of children: Ted, Joseph, Isabelle and Sadie represented Dursley District in county cross country last Saturday. The weather was terrible, but this didn't put the children off! Well done to all of you—it was great to have such a large representation from St Joseph's. Well done especially to Isabelle who is going on to represent Gloucestershire in the national cross country race in Leicester. Best of luck! Well done to the children and staff that took part in the pancake race. I'm sure you have heard all about the winners, but just to confirm Falcons were the winners overall! The children took part in the Lent retreat last Tuesday in order to prepare them for the season of Lent. Some of the stations were led by the Chaplaincy Team which was fabulous to see, but the whole experience was reverent, respectful and prayerful.

Don't forget that tomorrow night is the school Disco. Our PTA work tirelessly to raise much needed additional money for the school. Please do support them with their events.

Hopefully, you have managed to book your parents evening appointments. Please make sure that you arrive in plenty of time as staff need to keep to the timetable so as to not overrun. It is such a lovely time for you to celebrate your child/ren's hard work!

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone". Pope Francis

In Your Prayer

We pray for all world leaders: that they may follow Jesus' example and make decisions that will change the lives of people who are poor for the better.

**Class News!**

St Mary	Isaac was an umpa lumpa today and Kian was dressed as the Enormous Crocodile. The KS1 children worked with Sarah from Dazzle and were busy making lolly sticks for Willy Wonka's factory. The boys said it was good fun!
St Joseph	Gino is Fantastic Mr Fox today, he likes dressing up. Theo is Willy Wonka, he has a great big Golden Ticket in his hat. Theo enjoyed making colourful bottles with sprinkles in.
St Peter	Lily is Veruca Salt from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. She looks very pretty in her pink dress. She is enjoying being Veruca today! Darcie is dressed as the little girl from next door from The Magic Finger. She had vegetable soup for lunch today which was yummy.
St Patrick	Will N is Fantastic Mr Fox, although his costume is a bit hot! His favourite Roald Dahl book is The Magic Finger. He enjoys learning his times tables. Autumn is Mrs Trunchball today. She enjoyed the drama workshop acting out the story of Fantastic Mr Fox.
St George	Emily is an umpa lumpa with a very red face—fingers crossed the chalk comes off. She is very excited as it is her birthday tomorrow. Harvey O is Danny Champion of the World. He said the workshop was fun and a bit crazy. The class topic is Crash Bang Wallop—all about sound.
St Teresa	Emily N is Miss Honey from Matilda. Emily has celebrated her 10th birthday this week; her family came over and tomorrow she is having a friend over for a sleepover. Summer is Matilda today, which is one of her favorite books; another is The BFG. She had lots of fun at the workshop acting out Matilda with Daisy.
St David	Willow is Mrs Twit; she liked acting really dramatic during the workshop and especially enjoyed pretending to wack her friends with her big walking stick! She enjoyed Buddy Time last week when the children made Easter baskets. Ruby is an umpa lumpa today. She likes playing hockey in PE.



Weekly REACH Awards 7th and 28th February 2020

St Mary	Gilbert, Bobbie and Finlay	
St Joseph	Megan, Dougie, Tansy and Isla C	
St Peter	Darcie, Rosie, Evie-Mai and Matilda	
St Patrick	Safia, Florence, Jasmine and Autumn	
St George	Amelia, Aeva and Harry H	
St Teresa	Tilly, Summer, Eliza and Isabel Mc	
St David	Alfie, Posy, Freddie N and Ayla	

Marling School Open Mornings

The parents of boys, currently in Year 5, who are looking at Marling School Y7 entry in September 2021 may like to know our Open Mornings are scheduled for **Thursday 2 April** and **Thursday 25 June 2020**, arrive for either 9.00 or 9.30am, no need to pre-book. We look forward to welcoming you and your son(s). The Entrance Test takes place on Saturday 12 September 2020 - if you would like an emailed reminder to register when the registration window opens in June 2020, please email admissions@marling.school with 'reminder to register' in the subject line.

Thursday 23rd April 2020

Ribston Hall High School would like to invite Year 4 and Year 5 girls and their parents to our AIM (Admissions Information Morning) from **9am to 11am**. Student-guided tours of the school will be available

Earth Hour, which takes place on the 28th March 2020 at 8.30pm, is the world's biggest switch off event – a moment millions come together for nature, people and the planet.

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*

25 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



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK
runs from 30th March to 5th April this year.

Forthcoming events

6th March PTA Disco 6-7.30pm
10th March Parents' Evening
11th March Parents' Evening
11th March KLB Hockey Tournament
13th March ECO meeting
18th March PTA AGM 7.30pm
19th March St Joseph's Feast Day



Y5/6 Girls Football tournament at Rednock 4th March the team were Holly, Willow, Ava, Isabelle D, Maisie, Leah and Layla. The girls played well showing excellent teamwork and represented St Joseph's brilliantly. Thanks to Mr Holloway and Mrs Ferris for lifts, support and Jaffa cakes!

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

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

Friday 10 July: Summer Camp-Out at school

Congratulations to Layla and Daisy who won the yummy cake recently. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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