

## St Joseph's Out of School Club

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Front Street, Nympsfield, Stonehouse GL10 3TY

### September newsletter 2017

#### Welcome!

A warm welcome to all OOSC members, particularly those who join us in reception! For those parents new to St Joseph's, if you have any questions about how the club runs etc, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the committee or OOSC staff. We're here to ensure that your children receive the highest possible level of care before and after school. Contact details can be found at the foot of the newsletter.

#### Playground markings

Last term we asked the children attending OOSC to choose which games they would enjoy most in the playground and the new designs on the playground are the result! We hope you will agree that the markings are fabulous and it was so lovely to see the children's' faces the first time they saw them – they simply didn't know which to try out first!

The OOSC committee are very proud to have been able to fund this initiative; especially as it benefits *all* children at St Josephs.



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#### Guest activities

We are working with third party suppliers to develop a calendar of events for those attending the OOSC throughout the year. These currently include:

- **Cheerleading with the Dursley Diamonds**
- **Sports sessions in conjunction with The Pulse, Dursley**
- **Circus Skills in association with World Jungle**

These events will generally be held on a Wednesday as no after school clubs run on this day. This year, all activities will be advertised in advance. Even if your child does not normally attend OOSC, you are welcome to book them in for this day specifically. All we ask is that you ensure that you have completed a registration form before making the booking. Standard session charges apply but there is no increase in cost for these special activities.

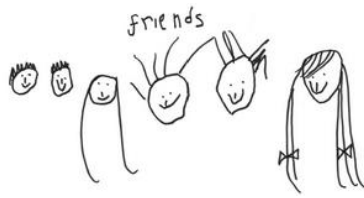
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#### **"There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!"**

*Sir Rannulph Fiennes*

At OOSC, outdoor play doesn't stop just because it is a bit wet, cold or even snowing. That's why the Committee have invested in waterproof trousers enabling every child to play outside in the rain, yet be returned to you in a dry and hopefully reasonably clean state!

Please ensure that your child has a **warm & waterproof top and if possible wellies** (we have a small number of pairs available to borrow) in OOSC when they attend to ensure that they can make use of the great outside space we have on offer at St Josephs.



## Share your good ideas!

The OOSC team work tirelessly to ensure that our children have stimulating and enjoyable activities to undertake both before and after school. Whilst they are full of good ideas for activities, we'd love to hear from any parents or children who have ideas for the Club, which is why we are introducing an **IDEAS BOOK**, in addition to the comments box. Please use this to jot down any ideas you have that you would like the OOSC to consider, whether it be suggestion relating to:

Snacks provided,

A specific activity/craft or recipe you'd like the Club to do

someone who might run a "special" session for the Club

new books/toys that you think everyone would enjoy.

## It's good to talk

If there is something you'd like to speak to the OOSC about, please don't hesitate to speak to them during either the morning or afternoon session; they'll always be happy to take the time to talk to you.

### Childcare Choices tax free childcare

St Joseph's Out of School Club is now registered with this scheme.

For detail on this scheme please visit [www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk](http://www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk)



### Just a little reminder...

- **Breakfast club starts at 7.45am**
  - Please do not drop your children off early. The team may be in the OOSC room earlier preparing for the session but our insurance runs from the 7.45am and not any earlier
- **Registration forms MUST be completed PRIOR to your children being booked into OOSC.**
  - A £5 annual membership fee (per family) will be charged to your first bill of the academic year.
- **Please remember to pay your OOSC bill on time.**
  - Every month there are outstanding balances carried over to the next month. We rely on prompt payment to pay our staff and fund activities for the children.

#### OOSC Contact addresses:

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**Thank you for your continued support of the OOSC Club.**

**The OOS Committee**