



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 19th April 2024

Welcome back to the summer term 2024. I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break spending time with family and friends. The children have come back to school well rested and raring to go. There is a calm, productive feel across the school, just the way that we like it. We welcome the Harding family who have joined our school family this term. The boys, Charlie, Teddy and Harry are settling in well to Year 2 and Year 4.

Sporting News



Mrs Guoite has the pleasure of going swimming with Year 2 this term and was very impressed with the speed at which some of the children got themselves dressed after their lessons. Well done to those children – they may have set a record for the rest of the school to match!

Mrs Dixon is back on a Thursday morning with multiskills for our Year 1,2 and 3 girls. If you are able to get your daughter to school

for 8am, this is an excellent opportunity for our children and will undoubtedly progress their skills in this area at a rapid pace.

Ollie and Steph are back this term on a Friday teaching on of the children's PE lessons, their class teacher will teach their second lesson at some point during the week.

LWCET News

Please see the attached sheet.

Staffing Update

As I know that you will be aware, Miss Berry became Mrs Fox over the Easter Holidays. The children have been great in quickly adapting to her new name, it may take some of us older ones a bit longer to manage the change!



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gasan to the team. Mrs Gasan is a very experienced teaching assistant who will be working in KS2. She has only been here for a week but it feels like she has always been part of the team- we are pleased to welcome her to our school family.

PTA News

Thank you all for your support and involvement in the PTA Easter event that took place on the first Sunday of the Easter Holidays. This sort of event takes an awful lot of time,

organisation and team work to pull it off. My thanks goes to Mrs Guoite, Miss White, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Smee and the PTA Team.

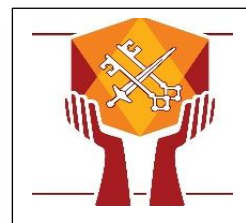
Clubs

Clubs for the summer term started last week. Can I remind all parents that if a child joins a club they are committed to attend weekly – unless they are off school that day and are ill. If your child is absent from school, due to illness, and will miss their club, please can you let us know when you phone/email into the office on that morning. Any child who missed sessions and are not committed to the club will be asked to leave. This is because of the negative impact that non-attendance has on the development of the learning for the other members of the club – there is not time to catch up children who are absent.

Late collection from clubs – Please ensure that you collect your child on time from their after school clubs. Teachers give up their own time to run these clubs after school for your children, please support them by making sure that you collect your child/children on time.

Chaplaincy News

The Stations of the Cross was a beautifully, reflective event, led by members of the Chaplaincy Team from across the school on the Friday before the Easter break. I am told that it went like clockwork, the children's delivery was very well done, especially seeing as there were much younger members on the Team involved. I was sorry to miss this important event for us, but was delighted to hear how well it went. I would like to thank Mrs Barron and Mrs Hill, who work incredibly hard with the Chaplaincy Team to plan, practise and deliver these special events for our school family.



House Singing



Well, what an afternoon and so close. I can't believe that Hawkes won – the last time they won house singing was 8 years ago – not that I have counted! I would like to congratulate all of the House Captains for their supervision and organisation of their houses and for preparing them for the competition. Whilst Hawkes won – by a whisker – a lot of time and effort went into preparing for the event and I am told that the children did well in all of the performances.

I would like to thank all of the staff for supporting the children in getting their house teams ready for the competition – many staff have given up their break and lunchtimes to support the children with their practices. I would like to thank Miss Gardiner for managing the seating and communication with parents for this popular event. Whilst I understand that there will have been disappointed parents who were unable to come to this popular event we do try to make the allocations as fair as we can.

I would especially like to thank the staff who were the judges – not an easy job at all. The reason for the 4 judges was that they were not allowed to vote for their own house. Having spoken to the house captains last week, they were really pleased with how the competition went and especially liked the judges. We have tried many different judges and our current Year 6 think that this year was the best that they have had.

Finally – I would like to thank the whole of the St Joseph’s team for everything that they do – going over and above to provide such great additional learning experiences for our children – what a great team we have.

Please see below for the results of the competition – so, so close!

House	Group Song	Sols/Duet	Instrument	Total
Kestrels	7,7,7, = 21	8,8,8,= 24	10,10,10 = 30	75
Falcons	8,9,8 = 25	7,7,7,= 21	9,9,10 - 28	74
Hawkes	8,7,8 = 23	8,9,8, = 25	10, 9,9, = 28	76
Eagles	7,7,7,=21	8,8,8 = 24	10,10,10 = 30	75

Look Who’s Talking Competition

LOOK
WHO’S
TALKING!
2024

Last Friday, Teddy (Y2), went to the Guild Hall in Gloucester to compete against all of the other children who won their locality final. Teddy’s Mum and Dad were there to watch along with Mrs Barron. The competition was really tough and the children performed on a stage. We are so proud of Teddy to have made it to the finals and are delighted to say that his talk about his favourite animal – a mallard duck - achieved him a commendation and £50 for the school. Well done Teddy – what an amazing achievement.



St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass

On the 19th March, we celebrated St Joseph’s Feast day with a whole school Mass in church. I would like to thank the Year 6 children who served and read beautifully, the Year 5 children who read the bidding prayers and the reception children who brought up the offertory. The children sang beautifully- it was a team work that prepared the children so well for this great celebration - what a perfect Mass to celebrate our Patron Saint.

Whole School Music Lessons



Year 4 impressed us with their violin concert just before the Easter Break. As part of their music curriculum, they have been fortunate enough to have had 10 violin lessons last term. They had clearly listened and followed instructions well – what they shared at the end of term was really impressive and how lovely that some of their parents were able to come and join their performance too. Well done to all in Year 4 – you all did so well!

World Book Day 2024



It feels like a long time ago now, but I wanted to thank everyone involved in making World Book Day such a success. To Mrs Knight, for planning and organising the day. To Mrs Jenkins and the School Council for the teas, coffees and hot chocolate - which was an incredible success. The School Council raised an incredible £220 that day, the money raised will be going towards funding new books for the classes. The children loved the book swap – there

are now book swap boxes in each classroom so that children can continue to use this throughout the year. Thank you all of the adults who joined in the book swap too – I hope that you have enjoyed a book or 2 that you got from the swap. Finally, I would like to thank all of the parents who supported the day, by sending in books, money for hot chocolate and especially for coming into school to share a book with your child/children/other children in the classes – the children loved this. It was especially great to see so many dads popping in too. If you haven't seen them already, there are some lovely pictures on the reading page of the school website of some of our children and parents enjoying reading together.
<http://www.st-josephs-nympsfeld.com/web/reading/357799>

Attendance Matters

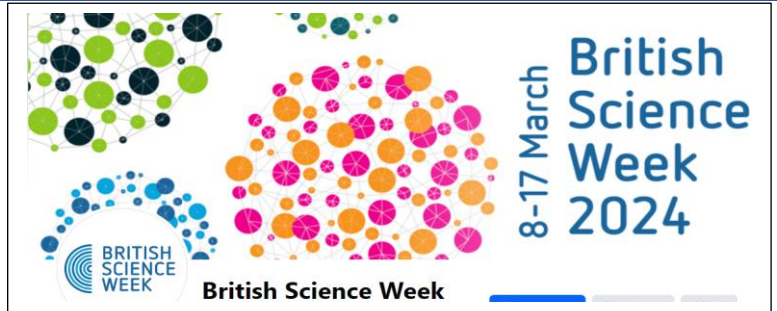
As you know, there is a government campaign to improve school attendance across the country. When children get to 90% they are considered to be persistently absent (PA). At this point we carefully monitor certain children's attendance by adding them to a tracker. We have been informing parents and with their support we have made a huge difference to the number of children that we are monitoring. I would like to thank you all for your support and for improving your child's attendance. All parents were given their child/children's attendance for this year at parents evening before the Easter Holidays. Please see the diagram below to see where your child's attendance is considered to be.



Lateness impacts on your child's learning too, a child that walks into school at 8.50am will be 5 minutes late for their first lesson. If they are late on a regular basis they are missing 25 minutes of reading in a week. Please help us to help your child/ren to be confident in this vital skill by ensuring your child/ren are in their classrooms ready to learn by 8.50am.

British Science Week

What a week the children had! The children took part in workshops that were planned and organised by Mrs Carr and Mrs Shipton – with the help of some of the graduates at NRS (Magnox). They had great fun making and learning about brush monsters, fan boats, CD racers and motorized colour wheels. As if that was not enough, the children also had talks throughout the week from scientists! Shaun Pettitt (Senior Mechanical Systems Engineer and LOLER Compliance Manager) and Andy Paget (Company Head of Profession for Mechanical Engineering) and David Carr (Food Scientist for Kerry Food Group). I would like to thank Mrs Carr and Mrs Shipton for all of the time and effort that they put in to the week and to the scientists who came in and shared their expertise with the children. How lucky our children are to get such great extra-curricular experiences. I would also like to share with you an email that Mrs Carr received from one of the scientists after his visit.



.....I'd like to respond by saying it was a real pleasure to talk with you, your colleagues and the children. The engagement was fantastic and some of the questions that I fielded, particularly from the younger children, were really very impressive. It brought home how important it is to engage with young people at a very early stage to get them thinking about the world we live in and to never stop asking "why" or "how". I would love to return again and spend time with them – and am happy to discuss any area of engineering that might be of interest (although for some I'd have to do some research in advance)...



Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter

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



This week's prayer is written by Alice:

Dear Lord,
Help us to believe in your great glory,
You are our Lord and your only son saved us.
Help us to raise our hearts to your kingdom of heaven,
We shall listen to your teachings.

We praise you, we praise you,
You, our everlasting God, our Father in heaven.

We praise you and exult you,
You our King and Father.

We are your people, your children below,
Your burning love lights our path,
Help us not to be terrified by the devil,
We will spread the word of your love.

You our one and only,
We shall follow the path you make,
From the day that you made this earth to the end of eternity,
We will follow you,
You our Lord, God and Father,
Amen

Class Mass

Class Mass will take place on a Thursday at 10am, we would be delighted if you are able to join your child/ren and their class when it is their turn.

Summer Term Class Mass

18 th April	Year 6
25 th April	Year 5
2 nd May	Year 4
9 th May	Ascension Day – Holy Day of Obligation Year 3
16 th May	Year 2
23 rd May	Year 1
6 th June	Reception
13 th June	Year 5
20 th June	Year 4
27 th June	Feast of St Peter and St Paul – Holy Day of Obligation – Year 3
4 th July	Year 2
11 th July	Year 1



Dates for your



May

WB 13th May – KS2 SATs

WB 20th May – Y6 Bikeability training

Friday 24th May – Half term - extra INSET day

June

Monday 3rd – INSET day

Tuesday 4th – swimming catch up lessons until 2nd July (Y3-6)

Wednesday 5th – School photos – class and leavers

WB 10th – Phonics Screening (KS1)

WB 10th – Multiplication check (Y4)

Monday 10th – New Parents' Evening EYFS

Friday 14th – Y6 Leavers Mass at Clifton Cathedral

Monday 24th – Y4 In the Net 10am at Nailsworth Primary School

Tuesday 25th – Whole school photo

Thursday 27th – Transition afternoon

Thursday 27th – SEND transition meeting, current/next teacher and parents, face to face

Thursday 27th June – Education Mass 7pm

July

Monday 1st – Y6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 2nd – Y6 production 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 3rd – Music concert 1.30pm

Wednesday 3rd – Y6 production 6.30pm

Thursday 4th – Transition afternoon (EYFS)

WB 8th – Health Week

Friday 12th – Reports out to parents

WB 15th – Week of Awe and Wonder

Thursday 18th – Leavers Mass

Friday 19th – Leavers assembly

Friday 19th - End of the academic year 1.30pm

