



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

At last the sun is shining and the children are able to play on the field. With the sun comes the PTA ice-cream sales on a Friday night, when they can. Thank you all for supporting the sales last Friday, and to the ladies who provide the sales. We will keep you posted via eSchools as to whether or not the sales will be going ahead. Thank you also for supporting the plant sales that have been happening – the money goes straight back into the school gardening pot and is used to resource the children's growing for the next term.

Thank you to all of those parents who joined us for the Coronation celebration, it was lovely to see families enjoying being together. Thank you to the Pre-School parents who were able to join us enabling their children to join us too. Thanks as always to our PTA who served ice-creams and cream teas for the afternoon – I didn't get to eat my cream tea until about 5pm – but it was delicious! Well done to all of the children who took part in The Big Help Out. The highest hours of helping was 13! The children talked about helping out with hoovering, unstacking the dishwasher, gardening, helping out with pets, supporting local communities litter picks – a wide range of great things that they have done to help out. Thank you to all of the parents who supported this activity, hopefully your children's involvement helped you too. There were some great designs for the Coronation Banquet design – but the winners were Ella for KS1 and Lois for KS2. There were some highly commended designs too, all of which will be put on display. Thank you Mrs Knight, who loves a celebration, for organising this event.

We have some staffing news; Mrs Freckleton is heading in a new direction with her career. She will be leaving us at half term to join the SEND Casework team at Gloucestershire County Council. Mrs Freckleton has worked so hard and given great support to families that have needed it. She kept in constant contact with families during Covid times when schools were closed. We will certainly miss her, but wish her the best of luck in her new role. Keep in touch.

Last week Year 6 had their show reveal, this year they will be performing Oliver. Rehearsals have begun and 'Food Glorious Food' can be heard around the school!! Sarah from Dazzle will be supporting the show as usual. In addition, they took part in Bikeability, an important course that ensures that our children are aware of road safety when they are out and about on their bikes – well done to all of the children who took part – they all passed.

Whilst the School Council and Chaplaincy Team are planning our school prayer garden, Mother Maria kindly offered for us to use theirs. Therefore, for the last couple of weeks the Chaplaincy Team have taken each class on a rota, if the children have wanted to go, to the Marion Retreat Centre to pray the rosary. Some of our children have enjoyed it so much that they went along with other year groups too. I had the pleasure of joining the team on Thursday, and as always was so proud of our children, the ones who were leading it and the ones that joined in. they really do us proud.

Last Thursday being Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation, meant that all of our catholic children who have taken their First Holy Communion along with the Chaplaincy Team attended Mass. It was nice to attend a Mass at St Joseph's Church with lots of members of the parish too. Just a reminder that the classes attend Mass on a rota – dates are on the newsletter and you are all welcome to join your class, or indeed any class on a Thursday at 10am at St Joseph's Church, Nympsfield.

I know that many children and parents have enjoyed the school club that has been taking place on a Monday run by Ritchie Ball. The good news is that he has been able to swap his night to a Wednesday. This is when our staff meeting takes place so there won't be any other clubs running that night after half term, enabling him to offer the club to both KS 1 and 2.

Little lights will be moving to a Tuesday after school. Whilst there are not many children who come, the ones that do have thoroughly enjoyed it, I would like to thank Mrs Hill for providing this opportunity for our KS1 children.

We have been working on improving and updating our school website. Whilst the design is still being worked on, the tabs at the top have been greatly tidied up. Any thoughts on what would improve it as far as you are concerned would be most welcome – please do email the Admin Team and let us know.

Thank you to all of the Year 4 parents who have offered transport to Purton on Friday for their geography trip. The cost of fuel has made the hire of a coach so expensive, as long as parents are happy and able to support trips like this it means that we are able to keep the cost to a minimum for parents – so this trip will cost just £5, please pay via Parentpay before Wednesday.

Only one week to go until half term, I hope that the weather remains fine and that you all have a lovely half term. As usual, your children deserve a good rest because this term they have worked really hard and are trying to **'be the best that they can be'**.

Lord God of Heaven and Earth,
Please bless our class and school.
Help us to REACH in all we do and to look after each other.

Thank you for everyone we know,
Thank you for your creation.



Please forgive our sins, our love for you has no end.

Make our love shine through the day.

Help us to spread your word,

Amen

Written by Gino, Orla, Megan, James,
Lois and Sidney.

Class News!



St Mary	Penny - I like learning about Africa! People get water from the lake. Phoebe - Maths is fun, equal means the same!
St Joseph	Poppy P - I enjoyed RE and writing the Pentecost story. Roman - I liked playing rounder's in PE on the field.
St Peter	Amberlee - I really like the cross stitching because it's fun. Jake - I also really liked the cross stitching because I've never done it before.
St Patrick	Thomas - I really liked practicing how to hit the ball in tennis. Kian - I like everything about tennis at the moment!
St George	Bertie - I enjoyed doing fractions because it was quite simple once I knew what to do! Maya - I really enjoyed art on Tuesday because we were creating houses from our imagination. Mine had loads of mysterious things in it!
St Teresa	Pippen - I have really enjoyed the process of calculating fractions. Sophia - I enjoyed researching Woodchester Mansion using the iPads. Elsie - I really enjoyed writing the monologue in English for rock, paper, scissors.
St David	Emily - I enjoyed finding out about what our play was going to be as we were waiting a long time; I was surprised by the choice! Lorry - I loved the SATS breakfast as it was very delicious and energised me for the tests!

Comments on going to the Convent Garden to pray the rosary

Blake: "It was exciting as it was my first time visiting the convent, we said lots of prayers we had to say the Hail Mary 10 times. I liked how the statue of Mary was hiding in a corner, you went around and then you saw Mary. I liked where Mary was".

Charlotte T: "I was excited as I had never been to the Nun's house. I held a pink rosary bead, it is my favourite colour. We said lots of prayers because Mary says lots of prayers".



Mass on Thursday at 10am

25th May	Y6
8th June	Rec
15th June	Y5
22nd June	Y4
29th June	Y3
6th July	Y2
13th July	Y1
20th July	Whole School



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

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



Diary Dates

26th May—End of term 5 school finishes at 3.15pm
w/c 22nd May—KS1 SATs
26th May—End of term 5 at 3.15pm
5th June—Term 6 begins and INSET day—no children to attend school
13th June—New Parents' Evening—EYFS
15th June—Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral
15th June—Y4 In the Net event
28th June—Y6 production at 2pm
29th June—Y6 production at 6.30pm
29th June—Whole school transition afternoon
30th June—PTA summer camp out

CAFOD Lent Good Deed Challenge

Thank you to the families who supported this campaign—£151.60 was donated from children's good deeds. This will be split between CAFOD, Emmanus and the new prayer garden. Thank you.

Please try to make medical/dental appointment after school or in the holidays. We understand this is not always possible but if you need to take your child to an appointment during the school day please provide proof by a letter or appointment card being emailed or shown to the Admin Team in advance. Thank you.