



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 5th July 2024

It is July already, only 2 weeks to go and still so much to do. We have another busy and exciting week next week - health week. Please keep an eye on the weather and ensure that your child comes to school ready for our current changeable climate! Sun cream, jumpers, water proofs and water bottles.

PTA Fun

What a great event and idea - the children had so much fun! I need to thank all of the parents involved in organising this event and to all of the teachers and Mrs Gasan, who stayed after school to squirt the children! So many of the children asked if we could end every Friday this way- a definite sign of success. This event raised £200.00. This money will go towards buying some new playground equipment for all of the children to enjoy at break and lunch time. The School Council are currently working with the children to agree what equipment they would like to have.



Open Gardens



Last Sunday, we were once again offered the opportunity to serve tea and cake at the Open Gardens in the village. Lucy Watts and Mrs Wand, having been involved last year, were keen to organise this event again this year. Thank you to all staff and parents who made cakes to support this event but especially to Lucy and Mrs Wand who organised and ran the sales on Sunday afternoon. They raised just over £1,000 – amazing! This money has been donated to school and will be spent on new dinner tables for the younger children.

OOSC News

This OOSC AGM has been held and they have a new committee. I would like to thank the out-going committee members Heidi Saunders and Ceriss Crew but especially Laura Britton who has been Treasurer to the club for over 4 years. During this time she has been through COVID, the club shut down and re-opening, was highly supportive of the log trail project (the generous donation from the OOSC enabled the project to be installed and completed in one go) and has ensured that the staff's pay is fair and recognises the hard work that they do.

I would also like to thank Louise Benton, Club Secretary, for remaining on the committee to ensure a smooth transition for the new committee and Kirsty Coupe, whilst employed by the club has offered her wealth of knowledge and support during this time.

I would like to welcome to the committee and thank Jess Milliner, the new Chair and Sam Foran, Treasurer and welcome Gemma Wilkins as the newly appointed club Finance Support and Administrator.

From myself and the governors, we cannot thank you enough for taking on these vital roles. So many of our families are able to come to St Joseph's as a result of the club.

Work experience

We have had the pleasure of several past students joining us this year for their work experience. They have been in various classes across the school. It has been lovely to see how they have grown and how successful they are being as they progress through their education.

Music concert 2024

I was disappointed not to have been able to be at the music concert this year. The concert is held to celebrate our musician's hard work throughout the year and enable them to perform in front of an audience – an important experience for the children.



Mrs Guoite told me how much she enjoyed the afternoon, that the children did so well and what a great example to others they were. Thank you Mrs Fox for leading the afternoon. In order to be successful at playing any instrument, commitment and practise is required – well done to all of the children who took part and it was lovely that so many parents were able to come along to enjoy this too.

We are delighted to be able to offer so many different individual music lessons, piano, guitar, voice, strings and wind instruments. If your child would be interested in starting lessons, get in touch with the Admin Team and they will point you in the right direction.

Chaplaincy News

The Chaplaincy Team had a lovely time on Wednesday when they met up with teams from our MAT schools. Thanks goes to Mrs Barron for organising this event and for taking an activity along with them for all of the children to take part in and to the parents who took the children enabling this event to go ahead. Mrs Barron and Mrs Hill came back to school delighted with the children and proud of the way that they represented the school. Well done to all who took part.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to have recruited a new LSA, starting in September and welcome Mrs Frankcom, who will join us when our new reception class start.



If you are a parent whose child has asthma, then you will be aware that we have been in touch with you about your child's Asthma Action Plan. This document is completed jointly with either your GP or asthma nurse. All children with asthma/who use an inhaler should be checked at least annually. It is so important that staff in school, working with young people understand what asthma is, how it affects children who have it and most importantly, how to manage a child in their class who has it.

Six months ago I was contacted by the NHS who asked if we would consider becoming an asthma friendly school. After looking into what this would entail and realising the benefits to our children's safety, we agreed to take part. Mrs Barron, who is responsible for first aid across the school, took on the task and after much work and staff training we are delighted to have been certified as an Asthma Friendly School – and not only that, we are the first school in Gloucestershire to receive the award. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Artz, for asking us to consider this and to Mrs Barron for all of her hard work in ensuring that as a school we are now all trained in how to manage a child with asthma – importantly enabling us all to keep these young children safe.

Sporting News



It's Health Week next week! Thank you so much to all of the parents who have offered to come into school to work with the children and share your interests and hobbies – it's looking like

another amazing week for our children. I am sure that you will all have sports day on your calendar from the dates that are circulated at the start of the year – Tuesday 9th July, everything crossed for good weather.

Equally, I am sure that you will have picked up that the whole school picnic has changed to Tuesday 16th July, sorry about the change of date - that is to try and accommodate as many of our Year 6's as possible whose transition days seem to spread over more weeks and increase by the days attended year on year!

We are looking forward to the Inter House competition that began 2 years ago – we have hosted the St Joseph's Derby, last year was a llama race – this year...we wait to see! There is the sponsored run and an exciting end to the week too.

Just as a reminder – PE kit all week (**NO LOGOS**) PE shorts should be navy blue – **not black**, if your child has laces – they need to be able to tie them themselves. Please watch the weather and make sure that your child comes to school ready for all weathers!

Many thanks for your support with this.



For those of you who came to see Moana this week – what a show! The children were fantastic. An incredible amount of work has gone into supporting and guiding the children enabling them to be the best that they could be. Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who supported your child/children to learn their lines, provide their costumes and many other items to help create the brilliant scenery. Thank you to Mrs Knight and Sarah, who have worked incredibly hard with the children in a very short space of time to produce once again, a fabulous show. Thanks goes to Mrs Hamlin for her help too. Thank you to the PTA, and other parents who made cakes and sold refreshments at the shows – all monies made will go towards new play equipment for the children to enjoy. Finally, well done and thank you to our Year 6 children. Your hard work paid off, you certainly rose to the occasion and what a brilliant way to end your time here with us at St Joseph's, with great memories of all that you have achieved. We are so proud of each and every one of you.



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:

Damian: Bless us Oh God,
Woody: You are the light.
Liam: Thank you for keeping us safe.
Mila: Thank you for our friends.
Evelyn: Thank you for our family.
Piper: Thank you for food.
Thomas: Thank you for the world you made.
Amen

A prayer by Damian, Woody, Liam, Mila, Evelyn, Piper and Thomas – Reception Class

Class Mass

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

Summer Term Class Mass'

11th July – Year 1

18th July – Whole School Leaver's Mass.



Dates for your



July

W/b 8th – Health Week

Fri 12th – Reports out to parents

W/b 15th – Week of Awe and Wonder

Tues 16th – Whole school picnic

Thurs 18th – Leavers Mass at 10am

Fri 19th – Leavers assembly

Fri 19th – End of the academic year at 1.30pm

Health Week – is upon us!

Firstly, a huge thanks to all the volunteers who have come forward to help make such an exciting and engaging Health Week. It is another fun-packed week ahead for the children.

Key things to remember:

- PE kit all week (Monday – Friday)
- Weather is changeable and we only have one hall, so sunhat, sunscreen and waterproof is needed each day
- Water bottles

The week's activity line up is as follows:

Each day there will be the Mile a Day with Mrs Daly, Mrs Hitchen and Mrs Montgomery. Along with lunch time PE with Sports Crew session.

Monday

Zumba and Dental Hygiene

Tuesday

Sports day – everyone is welcome

Carousel of activities during the morning. Races start at 1pm. Parents are welcome to come and support the children, however we do ask that you remain on the hedge side of the track at all times, and do not cross the track to see children at any point. This ensures the safety of all participants and attendees. Teachers will be in the boxes with children ensuring they have all they need throughout the event.

Wednesday

Dance, Read with Me sponsored run

Thursday

Football Skills, Running Club

Friday

BOUNCE! Football and Health and Wellbeing (careers and techniques)

Tuesday 16th July

Whole School Picnic - everyone welcome

Ice creams and refreshments served by the PTA and Year 6 - grow £5 enterprise activity and other stalls, run and managed by children who want to raise money for various charities.

We look forward to seeing you there.

