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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells



You would have thought by now that the weather would have sorted itself out but no, yesterday we ran inside at lunchtime to avoid a thunderstorm! That time we beat the rain, sadly this is not always the case!

I would like to apologise to the Year 6 parents for arranging the camp over on the same day as some Year 6 transition days. As I am sure you can imagine we are not spoilt for choice with possible dates, especially seeing as we want the days to lead into a weekend – for obvious reasons! We are working to see if we can move the days to later on in the term – it will make for a very busy last week for Year 6! We will update you with a plan as soon as we are able to.

It is hard to believe that we are just over a week away from half term! Everyone at school have been **REACHing** in all that they do to be the 'best that they can be'. The children never fail to impress me with their positive attitude to their learning. We are so proud of our Year 6 children. They set high expectations of themselves and are a perfect example to the rest of the school. They took their SATs in their stride although we think that they were a little taken aback to come into school on Monday morning to find that they still had plenty of work to do.

I was delighted to come into school on Tuesday morning to find a picture of our amazing reception class with Mrs Barron, taken during class prayers. Underneath the picture were thank you letters from all of the children. Sadly, they did not have any Rosary Beads for class prayers so we ordered them some new ones. They took about 4 days to come – a very long time when you are only 4 or 5! I was asked every day if they had arrived.....the children were delighted when at last they did. Reading their letters is a reminder of just how quickly our children learn and grow in such a short space of time.

We are having a bit of a move around for next year. Miss Berry, an Early Years specialist, has loved her time in Year 1 this year but is very excited to be moving into Reception next year. Miss McCarthy is also looking forward to a change in moving into KS1.

Year 6 had a great morning on Tuesday, they had another visit from Mark Weldon the local school Beats Officer. During this visit, the children learnt about how to keep themselves safe on line.

Can anyone help us? We are thinking ahead to next year. The garden beds have had a rest and are in desperate need of some top soil. Does anyone have any or know anyone who does who would be willing to donate it to school? If you do please get in touch with the Admin Team, we would be delighted to take it off your hands.

Just a polite reminder about school uniform – please can you ensure that your child comes to school in their school shoes (not boots or trainers) except for Year 4 who come in trainers for the Daily Mile first thing, then change into their school shoes afterwards.

I would also like to thank the parents/carers who are leaving a little early and parking at the village hall – it is making a great difference outside the front of school and making it a much safer place for our children, so thank you.

Quick reminder about the School Council's non-uniform day next Thursday, they continue to raise money for a new Log trail. Also, the PTA will be sending home a tube of Smarties for the half term. Please support them if you are able by encouraging your child to earn some pennies to put in their tube in payment for doing some jobs around the house.

Exciting day today for Year 6 – Sarah from Dazzle will be working with Miss Crisp and Year 6 to produce an end of year performance. Today is show reveal day. Auditions and casting before half term, giving the children time over half term to begin working on their lines and words to the songs.

Finally, we have our fingers crossed for better weather over half term and hope that you all have a good break and get to spend some time with your friends and family (in a Covid safe way).

## In Your Prayers

Dear Lord

I pray for crops to grow so we have food for the poor and for the river to flow calmly in the wind.  
Amen

Imogen—Year 3



## Class News!



St Mary	James - I like playing with Seth. We play police.  Molly - I like everybody in my class. We built a big tower with the building blocks.
St Joseph	Finlay - We learned that the Holy Spirit made the disciples speak in different languages.  Oliver - We have learned the days of the week and how to tell the time!
St Peter	Samuel—I have like doing maths quizzes in class this week.  Megan—I enjoyed learning about millilitres and litres in Maths because for our Deepin it challenge we were able to use water and containers.
St Patrick	Arthur- I have enjoyed playing outside. We have played ball tag and I enjoy playing with my friends.  Raffy- I have loved running the Daily Mile because running is my favourite hobby.  Rosalie- Literacy this week has been enjoyable because I love writing. We have been doing adventure stories.
St George	Alfie L - This week, we have been learning to find equivalent fractions. Yesterday, we learnt the story called the 'The Quest for the Raindrop of Life'.  Sofia - I have enjoyed sculpting a baby out of Playdoh. We learnt how babies were created by God with the help of our parents. In our MOT lessons, I have enjoyed multiplying a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number.
St David	Zac – I have enjoyed learning about online relationships with PC Mark Weedon this week and I also loved the tasty breakfasts last week during SATs.  Ashton – I also loved the breakfasts last week and I have really enjoyed the maths we have been doing recently... I enjoyed the challenging questions on them!

**eSchools** —school correspondence is now being sent via the eSchools app. If you have not downloaded the app please check the school website regularly for updates and current information. If you need a reminder of the e-Schools login details or have any questions please email the Admin Team at [admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk). When you first log in you need to put the school name as it appears on the website: **st-josephs-nympsfield**. Thank you.

**MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**—please try to make appointments after the school day or during school holidays. We understand this is not always possible. If your child has to attend an appointment during the school day please provide an appointment letter or card from the hospital/dentist etc. A scanned copy is acceptable. Thank you.

#### CATERLINK VACANCY

Catering Supervisor/Cook 25 hours a week, term time only. £10 an hour, please contact either the Gloucester Office 01452 346796 or Leza Bridgman-Flaherty 07471953468 for further information.

**Term dates from Sept 2021 to July 2023 were sent home today via eSchools. They are on the website too.**

