



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 15th March 2024

OOSC – Your OOSC needs YOU!

As you will all be aware, the OOSC is a committee run club – it was founded to serve the working parents of St Joseph's many years ago. As a small rural school, this club is vital for many of our families. The current committee – Treasurer and Secretary have held the role for several years and as their children come to the end of their time at St Joseph's they need to find a willing replacement for themselves. Equally, the Chair's role is also requiring a replacement. As working parents, they are not in the playground and so are unable to canvass for their replacement. I know that we are all busy, but without replacements the club will no longer be able to run. The committee have shared information about the roles without any response. If you are able to spend some time and would be willing to take on a role – even if it is just for a year, then please do come and speak to me before it's too late!

Sporting News



Swimming for Year 3 is coming to an end – next term it will be Year 2. I would like to thank all of the Year 3 parents who have helped with transport. This has made the swimming lessons possible and keeps the cost to parents as low as possible. It is so important that if your child care arrangements change, you let Laura in the office know as soon as possible. The arrangements are not a quick task, so please be thoughtful and give her as much notice as possible if you need to make a change.

LWCET News

 Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

What little acts that make a difference have our LWCET schools been up to this week?

-  St Gregory's children celebrating PJ Day in aid of HCPT Charity
-  St Thomas More Reception children exploring the LWCET logo
-  At St Peters two of our children completing a small action with great love to make a big difference.
-  The Rosary Primary School took part in Fit Fence for Mental Health week
-  St Josephs made daffodils & wrote messages for Mental Health Week
-  Some children worked on smartening up the Prayer Garden. It is now ready to be used again.

We are delighted that Miss Wilkinson is able to come back into school more. She will be back in Year 1 as full time class teacher next week. For those of you who remember Ms Busby, she is no longer a member of staff here at St Joseph's. We wish her well and hope that she recovers soon. We will be sad to say good bye to Mrs Hathaway at the end of term. We would like to thank her for all that she has done for the staff and children while she has been with us and wish her all the best as she takes a change of direction in her career. I know that she will stay in touch and let us know how she is getting on.

PTA News

The events that are coming up are:

The Easter Raffle

The hampers have been made. I would like to thank Mrs Wand, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Smith once again, for kindly working their magic on them – you are amazing! If you would like to win one of the amazing hampers, you'll need a ticket or two. Tickets are on sale now at only £1 each. Here's how to get yours...



1. Contact your class rep directly to purchase your tickets
2. Purchase tickets online - Email pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk with number of tickets, name(s) and mobile number(s) to go on the tickets.
3. Pay online either into the PTA account (Acct No 66591767 Sort Code 55-61-08) or via PayPal (pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) – **please remember to select Friends and Family** to avoid us having to pay fees. You will receive a confirmation email from the PTA that your tickets have been entered.

The Prize Draw will take place at 2.30pm at the Easter event on 24th March in the school Hall.

If you aren't there when the prize is drawn, we will contact you and arrange how you can collect the prizes, so make sure your number is clear on the tickets.

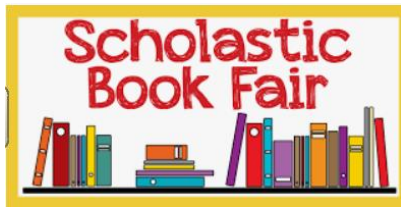
Easter Event on 24th March

The PTA are still looking for some help in running some stalls. If you are able to give some time an hour would be great, if you can help, even just for an hour then please contact the PTA (pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) or go direct to the sign-up sheet on the Facebook fundraising page.

The School Disco

The children had so much fun! Thank you to the PTA and all of the parents and staff who helped that evening. The amount of adults involved enabled the evening to run smoothly, making sure that the children made the most of this great event. The profit made was £664 that is amazing – well done everyone.

Scholastic Book Fair



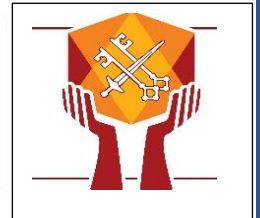
Thank you so much for supporting the book fair last week – it made an amazing £1,045.98! This is an incredible amount for a small school like ours. Because it was World Book Day there was a special offer on commission which means that we get to spend £522.99 on new books for the classrooms. The reading ambassadors are ready with their requests for each class!

Clubs

A letter will come out next week about the clubs that will be on offer next term. Thank you so much to the parents who run a club, with your extra interests we are able to offer a wider variety of clubs for our children. If there are any parents who are interested in running a club, please do let us know.

Chaplaincy News

The children are preparing for Stations of the Cross on Friday 22nd March. You are most welcome to join us, if you are able to.



House Singing

The house captains have been preparing for this house competition. At the moment Reception, Year 6 and parents of children who are singing solo's/duets or playing an instrument have been invited. All parents are being asked to either phone or come into the office to sign up. After the deadline, any remaining seats will be opened up to the rest of the school and allocated on a first come first serve basis – again, these seats will be allocated by phone call or calling into the office to sign up. May the best team win!

Look Who's Talking Competition

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2024**

The winners from school, Rosalie, Amberlee and Teddy, went to Rodborough School on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Guoite and Mrs Hill to compete against the winners from the Stroud schools in our cluster. The competition was strong, our children did brilliantly and were absolutely the best that they can be. Both Rosalie and Amberlee were runners up but Teddy won for his age group! This is an amazing achievement and means that he goes through to compete in the finals which will take place after the Easter break. Well done to all of the children and we will look forward to seeing how Teddy gets on next term.

Teaching and Learning Review

We have received the report from the Teaching and Learning Review. The review looked at our core learning – reading (including spellings and phonics), writing and maths as well as science.

Key points arising:

- This school is providing a high-quality education and, as a result, pupils achieve well.
- The school's strong leadership is ambitious and aspirational for all pupils.
- Leaders are focused on supporting teachers to deliver high-quality lessons. There is strong professional support for teachers, including early careers teachers, to learn and improve over time.
- The school's curriculum for English, mathematics and science are well structured and organised so as to support all pupils make progress and be well prepared for the next stage of learning.
- Pupils' work across the curriculum is consistently of a high standard.
- Pupils' behaviour is exceptional. They behave consistently well and display positive attitudes to learning.
- The quality and presentation of pupils' work is of a consistently high standard.

I would like to thank all of the staff at St Joseph's who work so incredibly hard and are committed to doing the best for all of the children in our school family, supporting them to **REACH** and be the best that they can be. We are so proud of all that we achieve here at St Joseph's.



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

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/HMktwuYxfyWb2/>



This week's prayer is written by Sol – Year 4

We are thankful for the love that you give us through a week day,

And thank you for the food on our plate.

Thank you for the love that others give us.

I hope the light from you can clear our path and what is above us.

Thank you for your love.

Amen

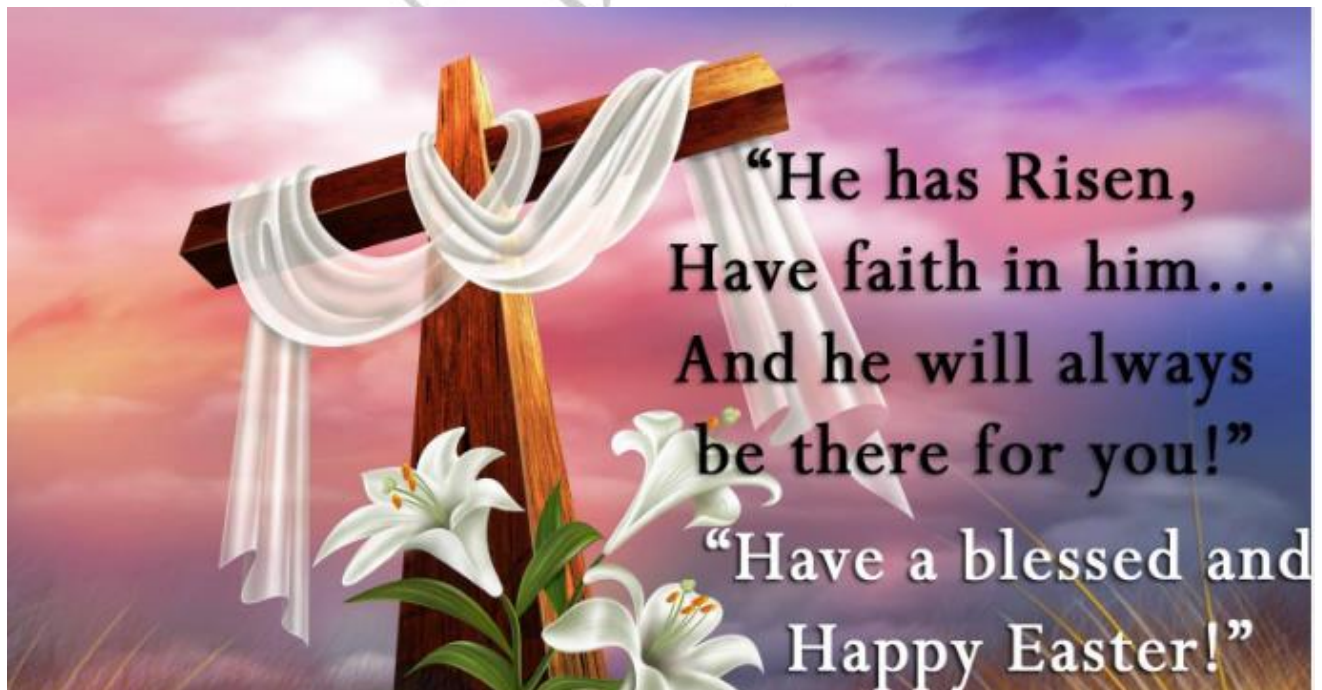
Class Mass

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

Final Class Mass of the term - Thursday 21st March – Year 1



Although we have a week to go – and what a busy week it will be, this is the final news letter this term so I would like to thank you all for your support over the last term, I hope that you have a lovely Easter and we will look forward to seeing you in the summer term.



Dates for your



Thursday 21st House Singing Competition
1.30pm

Friday 22nd – Stations of the Cross AM
(Chaplaincy Team)

Friday 22nd – End of Term 1.30pm

April

Tuesday 9th – Rec and Y6 heights,
weights and vision NHS screening

Tuesday 9th - Y2 swimming starts

Friday 19th – Y6 PC Schoolsbeat visit –
online relationships 1pm

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 – Year 6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 25th – Whole school photo

Wednesday 26th – Year 6 production 2pm
and 6.30pm

Thursday 27th – Transition afternoon

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

Thursday 27th June – Education Mass
7pm

July

Wednesday 3rd – Music concert 1.30pm

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