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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells



Summer term 2, we are already in the final term of the year and what a busy one it is going to be!

As restrictions are being reported as being lifted, nothing in school has changed so far.....

We were really disappointed to come back to school after half term to find that some of the goal posts had been dragged around the field and broken, the cane bolts on the gates that lead into the reception outdoor area had been bent into the ground so far that we are unable to close the gates and some of the OOSC Didi cars had been taken out of storage, onto the playground and left there (fortunately not damaged). Whilst we understand that children from the village use the school grounds at weekends and during school holidays (what a great facility for them to have access to) this sort of mis-use of school property and unnecessary vandalism is really upsetting. The necessary mending of the gates obviously has cost implication. Sadly, this has resulted in no football posts for a couple of year groups. I do not think for a minute that our children who attend our school are responsible for this – but someone is. Great news about school dinners – we have a new chef and kitchen support worker. They are in later this week deep cleaning the kitchen ready to go on Monday. The School Council looked at the menu last term in anticipation of the re-opening of the kitchen—the menu was sent home yesterday. The children will eat their dinner in their bubble and the kitchen staff will be helping to get meals to the children. As with everything new to our school routine, we will have to give it a go and see how well we get on, always ready to make changes to improve our efficiency. We will of course be working with the School Council to make sure that the children are happy with their meals.

I would like to thank all of you who paid your children to help out over half term and send the money into school in the Smarties tubes – I hope that you got value for money! This week Mrs Farrer, from our PTA, joined the School Council at lunchtime so that they could share with her their research and how far they had got with the trim trail project. They prepared a power point presentation to support their explanations and delivered. As usual they did a superb job. I would like to thank Mrs Jenkins for the great job that she does supporting the Council, she really does go above and beyond. Also to Mrs Farrer who is going to support them by arranging some site surveys and quotes.

Our First Holy Communion lessons are well underway and the children are thoroughly enjoying them. It is lovely to hear about how well they are doing and how well behaved they are. Syd Gwyer, our Co-Chair of Governors, is enjoying the classes with our Year 4 children.

Just a reminder to our Year 2 parents, collection tomorrow is changing to the main school carpark gate at 3.15pm. Thank you for your understanding with what we hope will be a one off change.

We are looking forward to next week when Constable Darren Peters will be visiting us to talk to the children about cyber safety.

I would like to thank again, the parents who are using the village hall carpark for school drop off in the mornings, apart from the other day with the unfortunate timing of bin collection over the road, the traffic movement feels a lot calmer at school drop off.

Miss McCarthy has been spending a lot of time organising a fun packed week for the children for Health week. We would like to thank Mr Jordan for volunteering to come into school and do some football coaching with the children, something that they will greatly enjoy. Next week we will be planning a covid safe sports day – it will not however be the same without you!

The children decided which film they would like to watch in their classes today and all of the staff are looking forward to the film night next week! Please make sure that you drop off and collect your child on time.

Having enjoyed their DEAR time book Holes by Louis Sachar Year 6 children would like to watch this film for their Film Night. It is a PG—if you have any concerns about this please discuss with Miss Crisp.

Finally, as the weather appears to be getting warmer, please can you ensure that your child has a sun hat in school and comes to school wearing sun cream.

## In Your Prayers

Dear Lord

Please give hope to the schools that we pray for that belong to our Diocese, and give them confidence. Thank you for all our food and water.

Amen by Rosie



## Class News!



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| St Mary    | <p><b>Ginny</b> - I like playing promise ball with my friends.</p> <p><b>Oliver</b> - I like doing my daily mile. I run really fast like Sonic.</p>  |
| St Joseph  | <p><b>Edward</b> - We are learning 'What the Ladybird Heard' in Literacy!</p> <p><b>Isaac</b> - I like learning multiplication because it is a bit harder than adding!</p>   |
| St Peter   | <p><b>James</b>— Maths today was fun. I finished my deepen it and it was fun because I like partitioning numbers.</p> <p><b>Tansy</b>— I liked Maths this morning because deepen it was a really hard challenge and I like challenges. I also like gardening because I like planting stuff. I planted salad leaves.</p>  |
| St Patrick | <p><b>Matilda</b>- I have enjoyed Literacy this week because I have pushed myself to be the best I can be.</p> <p><b>Spencer</b>- I loved having our pictures taken because I got to stand on a chair (very carefully!).</p>   |
| St George  | <p><b>Safia</b> - This week, I enjoyed having the class photo. I have enjoyed learning about analogue and digital time in Maths.</p> <p><b>Manny</b> - I liked writing my traditional tale in Literacy. I have called my story, 'The Quest for the Dinosaur'.</p>  |
| St Teresa  | <p><b>Anabel</b> – I am really enjoying being back at school for the final term because I love seeing my friends. I am really enjoying my literacy lessons because we are being allowed to use our imagination to write our very own stories.</p> <p><b>Sam</b> – My favourite lesson this term has been our outdoor maths lesson, where we used water to estimate the capacity of a 3d shape! I am enjoying being back with my friends and all of the fun lessons that we have.</p> |
| St David   | <p><b>Wren</b> - This week I have really enjoyed rehearsing for our end of year play – I've particularly enjoyed perfecting the different routines!</p> <p><b>Rose</b>— Over this week so far, I have enjoyed dancing and singing to Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and I'm overjoyed to be doing it with my friends!</p>   |

**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). Thank you.

## MARLING SCHOOL Additional Virtual Open Event – 22nd June 2021 via ZOOM@4pm or 5pm

Aimed at **YEAR 5** and **YEAR 4** students and their parents, if you would like to take part, please register via the Marling School website <https://www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk/joining-us/open-events> where you will find a google form to complete.

**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.

### CHILDREN'S WELLNESS STUDY 14<sup>TH</sup> June 2021 Message from Mrs Freckleton

We have an exciting opportunity to take part in a children's wellness study which is being run by Exeter University. The study is due to take place on the **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June**, in school.

We would love for all of our children (over the age of 7) to take part and have their voice heard – the opt in form is at the bottom of the following link: - [https://exetercles.en.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5bxd9ARMceGHdCm](https://exetercles.en.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5bxd9ARMceGHdCm) . Please complete this form by the **10<sup>th</sup> June 2021** for your child to take part – without your signature they will not be able to take part.

I do hope that you can spare the time to complete the consent form – I believe we will be able to use it to make positive changes for our children.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Many thanks.

