



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from Mrs Howells

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break, I know we are all looking forward to some better weather.

The Easter break got off to a great start with the PTA's Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for those of you who were able to support the event and well done to those of you who won the hampers – what a great Easter gift. Thanks goes once again to the PTA for organising the event and to the parents who helped out for the afternoon too. It was so lovely to see Holly, an ex-pupil, giving up her afternoon to help out – thank you Holly.

Although it has been a break, our staff have been working hard, planning exciting learning opportunities for their classes. Year 5 have a great week ahead with their Geography day followed by a trip to Woodchester Mansion. There will be some eggs arriving in Reception soon and the children will be able to watch the eggs hatch and see the chicks grow – I am sure that reception aren't the only class who will enjoy seeing them!

Straight back to it for the clubs, it's great if your child would like to come along please sign them up. Can I politely remind you to collect your child/ren on time? Once the club has finished our staff have the day's marking and feedback to complete, and that extra 5-10 minutes is time that they would be spending with their families. There is a new club on Wednesday called Little Lights, which is a bit like chaplaincy for KS1. The children had a great first session this week and couldn't wait to tell me how much fun they had had. If you would like your child to join this club, please call the office and let the Admin Team know. This term is set to be another busy one and 2 bank holidays will make it feel shorter than usual. The children have settled back into school quickly and learning is at the top of the list. We have had lots of visitors in school this week and as usual, they have been impressed by your children, their focus and the atmosphere of the school.

Mrs Hill is now working with Mrs Barron to support our Chaplaincy Team in leading the prayer life of our school. It is amazing how their confidence has grown since they have been leading liturgical prayer on a Monday- their ability to ask questions of the other children in the school and respond to the children's responses is really impressive. It is a testament to the great work that Mrs Barron has been doing with them and a pleasure to watch their confidence grow.

We have some lovely news about Ms Hall, who was a learning support worker in our Year 6 class, her baby, Isla Mai Grace was born on Friday - her due date - and both mum and baby are doing well. We will look forward to seeing them both very soon. Mrs Claridge, our school business manager, left last Thursday, we wish her well in her new role working for the Local Authority.

Mrs Jenkins and the School Council invited me to their meeting last week. The Chaplaincy Team and School Council have been working on a joint project this year – a prayer garden. They invited me because they are actually at the design phase. Everyone's ideas have been taken into account and the plans look amazing – next step to realise the ideas.

We have a welly store for KS2. No more soggy socks! Now we just need to make sure that the children put their wellies in there. We have the PTA to thank for funding the shed and Mr Barron who made the shed to order. Having solved our problem for KS2 we have some green wellie racks surplus to requirements. If anyone knows of any group that is looking for something like that, please let us know.

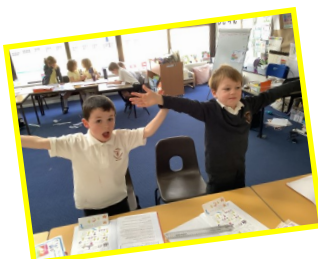
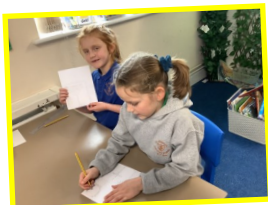
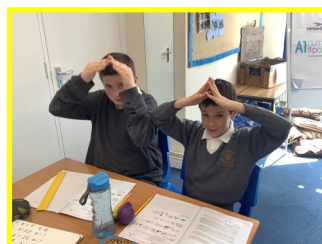
*Risen Jesus,
We rejoice that you are alive and with us.
Make us messengers of Easter joy and hope
for all the world.
Amen*



Class News!



St Mary	Isabella - We are watching the caterpillars in our classroom get bigger! Joseph - We are learning about a life cycle of a butterfly.
St Joseph	Charlotte C - I love doing P.E Alvin - I like maths.
St Peter	Molly – I love Maths club! We get to learn lots of Maths! Oliver – I liked it when we were doing our mental maths. I like adding and taking away.
St Patrick	Edward - I really like the clubs that I am doing, especially young voices. Ellianna - I love my wellbeing committee meetings and fractions in maths.
St George	Maya - I've enjoyed Maths because I loved learning about decimals. I loved Friday's lesson where we were dividing a one digit number by 100. It was so easy once I knew how! Arthur - I've loved this week with my new pen! I've practiced lots and I am really confident using it in my writing. I have really enjoyed my Prove it in Guided Reading because I got to use my pen lots - there were lots of Point, Evidence and Explanation answers to write!
St Teresa	Imogen - I enjoyed using water colours to show the Easter Triduum which happens over three days to connect with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Alex - I enjoyed our RE lesson, as I was able to talk about how I took part in the Easter Triduum in Poland; I was able to share differences between how countries remember, mourn and celebrate the Easter Triduum.
St David	Emily and Lorry - We enjoyed the nature quiz even though we didn't win. Thank you to Mrs Hill for taking us. Alfie M - Our 'Big Write' in English was a pretend letter to Nick Knowles and it was fun to write because it was good to convince people to help.



Lenten Good Deed Challenge

Please keep the donations coming in—remember the donations will be divided between CAFOD and our new school prayer garden.

New trees have been planted at the end of the school field, kindly donated by the Woodland Trust.



Diary Dates

8th May—Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
9th-12th May—KS2 SATs
w/c 15th May—Y6 Bikeability Training
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

CONTACT INFORMATION—To try and save printing and paper costs we will not be sending out Data Sheets but rely on you to inform us of any changes to your child's contacts.
Thank you Admin Team