



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

Week 2 of the Summer Term already, this term is going to fly by. I hope that you had a lovely bank holiday, a bit of extra time with your families and friends. Year 6 have come back and have hit the ground running... SATs are fast approaching. If your child is coming in for their SATs breakfast next week Monday – Thursday 8.20am please let the office know so that Mrs Knight can cater appropriately. Mrs Carr had a great first week and is so impressed with the Year 4 class, how quickly they have settled in with their new teacher and of course Mrs Daly.

Last Tuesday Mrs Barron and her Year 5's from her Chaplaincy Team had a lovely day at St Peter's where they were able to meet other Chaplaincy teams from other schools. We would like to thank Mrs Di Stazio for supporting the visit by helping with transport. Our Chaplaincy team will be leading class prayers for the month of May as we celebrate Mary Our Lady.

We are delighted to welcome readers back into school for some much needed practise! Mrs Ball, who was a teacher here about 10 years ago, is coming back to read with some of our KS1 children. It has been lovely to welcome back an old member of the school community. Thank you also to Mr Gwyer, Ms Chalmers, Mrs Di Stazio, Mrs Price and Mrs Smee who are coming into read. If you are able to stay for half an hour at school drop off and hear some of our children read, we would be delighted to add you to the list. Please let the office know if this is something that you are able to do.

The PTA held their AGM last Wednesday. It was lovely to be able to host it in the hall, although some parents joined online. Thank you to all of the parents who attended to make the meeting quorate and for the ideas shared for future events. Thank you also, as always to the PTA (all of whom were re-elected) who work so hard to raise additional funds to support the learning of our children. I am sure that you are aware of their most recent fundraising idea – tea towels and more! If you would like to order anything, please do so as the deadline is fast approaching. On behalf of the Year 6 parents, I would like to thank the PTA for the donation that they made towards the Year 6 leavers Hoodies. The children are wearing them already and are able to wear them on a Friday for the rest of the year.

The clubs letter came out last week. Now that we are able to mix more this has enabled us to offer a wider range of activities to our children. The office staff have been busy creating the club lists, if you haven't signed your child up already, it's not too late, please email Gemma or Laura in the office.

On Bank Holiday Saturday, we were so honoured to be invited by Mother Maria Chioma Emeagi MMSP from the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor to the First Religious Profession of their Novices. Eight Sisters were commissioned. The Mass was held in the convent, somewhere we have not been for a very long time. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Declan! What a lovely time we had. Several members of staff and a governor from school joined in the celebrations. Mother Maria is a very busy lady, following the celebrations at the weekend she was off to Rome to meet with the Pope! Hopefully, when she returns she will have some time to pop into school and visit us.

We are delighted to be in a position to be able to invite parents back into school. The first opportunity on Wednesday 18th May, if you are able to come into school at the end of the day to look at your child/children's books, you will be most welcome. On Friday 27th May we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and hopefully the opening of the new log trail. Look out for more information about these events.

Finally, we had a visitor today, a head from another school. He came specifically to look at behaviour and attitudes to learning.

We pray for our parish, friends and family: that we may do what we can so all people may share in the food given by God to us all.



Class News!



St Mary	Ruari - I like it when I get to colour with my friends. Teddy - I love playing with other people.
St Joseph	Elliot - I like outdoor learning. In our lesson I made a bug hotel with my friends and found a spider and centipede. James- I liked doing PE and playing the hand-shake game and doing relay races.
St Peter	Sebbie – We've been learning all about how to look after the worms. We can only give them some food! Emilia – I enjoyed Maths this week because I enjoyed making pictograms.
St Patrick	Olivia - I love music this term because we are learning the song 'Three Little Birds by Bob Marley.' Arthur - In DT we are learning about periscopes. I am really excited to make one.
St George	Raffy—I enjoyed making a bridge in DT. Spencer—I've enjoyed learning about contractions.
St Teresa	Just so you are aware, this term Year 5 will be looking in more detail to changes to girls' and boys' bodies as they start to experience puberty. Florence— I enjoyed learning a retell about space and Mars. Sophia— I enjoyed learning the different beats throughout our music lesson using recorders and singing the melodies.
St David	Harvey R - I have enjoyed tasting other people's healthy snacks this week as we have been making them in the afternoons. Sam - I really liked the word class game that we did in the hall on Monday as it was fun running round trying to work out the correct word class.

