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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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Another fortnight has flown by and we are well into the new term! The children have been working hard and enjoying learning about 'Creation.' We have some great ambassadors in this school, some fabulous stewards who are determined to make a difference to our wonderful world. Clubs have started well and thank you to all of you who volunteer and help. We are very fortunate that the school offers so many clubs, that the children get a chance to take part in local competitions and events. We are hoping to be able to offer dance again after half term with Sarah from Dazzle- look out for her flyers in the next few weeks! Please ensure that you uphold the school uniform policy and that for clubs, except for running club, children must wear school PE kit and a reminder to be considerate to staff by collecting your children from clubs on time when they finish. Our REACH Friday's have got off to a flying start and the children are enjoying their sessions. Last Friday was obviously going to be a wet day yet almost half of the children came to school without a coat! Some staff had to change their planned lessons as a result of this. If they had not, some of their children would have spent the rest of the day soaking wet. From now on, planned lessons will go ahead, please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct PE uniform and with suitable clothing for the weather that day.

At St Joseph's we try hard to organise as many exciting learning experiences as possible, this includes off site visits. It is disappointing that the office staff are still having to chase parents for payments of such experiences. At the moment the school has a short fall of £250 from the Noah's Ark trip. Year 2 went on a visit to Woodchester today and parents were asked to contribute £1 for the toilets to be opened. Only half of the parents have paid. We understand that family life is chaotic at times and deadlines are sometimes missed but chasing money is becoming a headache for the office staff. Whilst we would like to continue to provide exciting opportunities for the children we will have to reconsider our offer if parents don't feel that these experiences are of value.

Last week our Year 6's presented their speeches to the school this was followed by class votes and the elections took place! This year the house captains are:

Kestrels: Connor Riggall and Leo Tiley

Eagles: Ted Wallace and Ruby Dickinson

Hawkes: Willow Carter-Smith and Freddie Samuel

Falcons: Holly Stewart and Alfie Gordon

Congratulations to the successful children. As a house captain they are expected to be an outstanding role model to the other children as well as organising house events later on in the year. They need to listen to the children in their house and represent their views. Good luck to you all!

We also have our newly elected School Council: Matilda Williams (Chair), Dylan Hilling (Co-Chair), Connor Riggall (Secretary), Class reps are George Harrold (Y6), Leo Lai and Emily Niven (Y5), Harvey Rogers and Francesca Di Stazio (Y4), Stanley Beard and Ava Wand (Y3), Harmony Timbrell and Evie-Mae Steele (Y2), Douglas Settle and Charlotte Daly (Y1) and Finlay Taylor (Rec). The children on the Council will be expected to attend weekly meetings in their own time, listen to the ideas of children in their class and take their ideas to the meetings. They will then be expected to feed back decisions to their classes. The Student Council last year were amazing, they were pro-active, had lots of ideas and were responsible for the water fountain in the playground—a tough act to follow!

Good luck to the new Council, we are looking forward to seeing what great things you achieve this year supported by Mrs Jenkins.

Health and safety reminder—children and parents are asked **not** to walk through the staff car park at drop off and collection times. Staff are coming and going at all times. Please walk round! Thank you to all of our parents who have supported with trips this term and those who come into school to support regularly with reading. If anyone has a spare 20 minutes at school drop off, please let Miss Jones know...the children in KS1 can never get enough reading practise!

The staff and children are working hard to prepare for our Harvest celebration. As usual, we will be supporting The Stroud Food Bank. This is a local charity which is vital to the survival of some local families. From Monday, please could you send in tinned and/or dry foods that they will be able to use over the coming months as the weather gets colder. We are looking forward to the celebrations next Wednesday, please do come along to join us and support your children.

In Your Prayer

Pray this Family Fast Day in hope for a brighter future for all over our global family.



Class News!



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| St Mary | Edward likes playing with the toys, his friends are Kian, Finlay and Isaac. Oliver likes playing at school, his friends are Kacper and Edward; they like playing with the skipping ropes. |
| St Joseph | Tansy thinks school is fun! Her favourite part about school is writing. Freya likes playing lots of different games outside. Her friends are Ayleigh and Nia. |
| St Peter | Georgia went to Woodchester Mansion yesterday, she looked for mini beasts and found woodlice, slugs and worms. |
| St Patrick | Emily likes Mr Walton, he makes the lessons fun! She likes doing maths. Reuben loves maths at school. At the moment he is learning to count back in steps of 10. |
| St George | Maya likes her new friends, Amelia, Hannah, Faith and Francesca. Jack likes guided reading and maths. He also loves playing with his friends, they enjoy playing tag and running about lots! |
| St Teresa | Molly has been doing number lines; in literacy the class are preparing a big write about litter; they are writing to different companies about the environment. Wren enjoys working with Miss Crisp and she likes the new MOT—Maths on Track. |
| St David | Ava likes Miss Fletcher, she likes learning French. Both Alfie and Ava think Year 6 is not too difficult so far. Alfie likes Fridays because the class get buddy time—his buddy is Isaac. |

Weekly R E A C H Awards
20th and 27th September 2019

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| St Mary | Isaac Turner, Edward Artz and Gilbert Gane |
| St Joseph | Orla Wainwright, Arthur Greenwood, Henry Spencer, Megan Wright |
| St Peter | Rosie Hill, Toby McKenzie and Raffy Britton |
| St Patrick | Isaac Clark, Safia Pinnock, Gus Webb and Ava Wand |
| St George | Millie Guess, Francesca Di Stazio and Faith Bowen |
| St Teresa | Daisy Lowe, Summer O'Reilly, Tilly Madden and Claudia Morgan-Dykes |
| St David | Dylan Hilling, Lily Tarr, Freddie Nicholls and Connor Riggall |

Parents Evening—22nd and 23rd October
3.30-6.30pm

Next week all parents/carers will get a text and email link to book a 10 minute slot with their child's teacher. Miss McCarthy will only have appointments on Tuesday 22nd October. Any problems with booking please come to the school office. Admin staff can book manually if you do not have access to a mobile or pc. Thank you.

MENU CHANGE NEXT
THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER

special joint event run by Forest Green Rovers and Caterlink. The choices will be:

A—Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese
B—Southern Style Burger in a bun (veg)
C—Vegetable soup with half a filled baguette
Children can choose at registration on the day. No need to book in advance.
Thank you.

Forthcoming events

7th Oct PTA meeting in school all welcome 7.30pm
9th Oct Harvest Liturgy—KS1 9.15am KS2 10.00am
10th Oct School photos
12th Oct First cross-country race at KLB, Wotton
14th Oct Week of Awe and Wonder
(children learn about Sikhism)
16th Oct Parent Forum 9.00am—all welcome
18th Oct PTA Autumn Disco 6.00pm-7.30pm
22nd/23rd Oct Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
22nd Oct Education Mass at Clifton 7.00pm
24th Oct Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2.00-4.00pm
25th Oct End of Term 1
4th Nov Term 2 begins
8th Nov Open Day
9th Nov PTA fireworks and BBQ night from 6.00pm
11th Nov Remembrance Assembly 10.30am
Reception and Yr 6 children
11th Nov Anti-bullying week
13th Nov Commissioning the Chaplaincy Team

There is a cake raffle every Friday morning, tickets are on sale by the school office and a yummy cake is the prize. £1 for 5 tickets or 20p for 1 ticket. The winner gets picked out of the hat at assembly on Friday. The monies raised goes to Pre-School 2 weeks and the school for 2 weeks. Y6 are going to run the cake raffle for school to raise funds for their PGL residential next May. Congratulations to Darcie and Ava who won recently.



UNIFORM—please remember to name all your child/ren's school uniform/belongings that they bring into school. If an unexpected item comes home that is not your child's then please ensure it is returned to the school office or class teacher immediately. **THANK YOU.**

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