



Diocese of Clifton

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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

For those of you that I have not had the chance to say it to yet....Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to meet up with families and friends. On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to thank you for the many Christmas cards, messages and gifts. How very kind of you and much appreciated. And with Christmas behind us once again the PTA, as ever, are looking for new ways to raise money for school. You may have seen on their facebook page that they are looking for Christmas jumpers that your child has grown out of. If you would be happy to donate them that would be great. They are planning to hold a Christmas jumper sale before Christmas. They are also looking for more school uniform to replenish their depleted stock. They are looking in particular for items of uniform with the school Logo embroidered onto them and school ties. The uniform must be in good, saleable condition – no holes or damaged items please. If you are able to help with the above please give any clean items to Heidi Saunders (James in Y3 and Archie in R's Mum). If you're not sure who she is please ask and we'll point you in the right direction. The children have come back into school and have immediately settled into **REACHing** in all that they do, topics have changed and learning is in full swing- there is an excited buzz around the school.

Y4, who are swimming this term, went for the first time this week. They were so excited to be going, were great ambassadors for our school while they were there and the beams on their faces said it all as they came back into school. It has been a long time since a class has left our site to visit somewhere. Thank you so much to the parents who will be supporting the children over the coming weeks which is enabling this valuable learning for our Y4 children to go ahead.

Due to the support of our parents, we have had some children learning from home this week. They are asymptomatic, perfectly fine but have tested positive. Thank you to all of you who are regularly testing your children, it will hopefully mean that we can remain open over the coming weeks.

Just a quick reminder, for your child to access remote learning we need to know by 5pm the day before. Teachers are not able to prepare work during the school day while teaching the rest of their class. Equally, if you know that your child is coming back to school, please email SLT to let us know – we have had times when staff have prepared and uploaded work onto TEAMS and the child that it has been prepared for has come into school.

The gardening may have slowed down with the weather but the planning has not! Mrs Piper and Mrs Daley are determined along with the Eco Committee to improve our waste. Compost bins are on the agenda for this term. They are looking for 6-8 pallets. If you are able to help with this, please contact the school office to let them know. Your donations will be put to good use and greatly appreciated.

The Governing Board are looking for another Parent Governor to join them, if you are interested please have a look at their information page on the website; [http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/meet\\_the\\_governors/358209](http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/meet_the_governors/358209) and feel free to get in touch with them to discuss the role. More information about this will be coming out next week.

Mrs Freckleton and Mrs Piper are continuing to develop the outdoor learning area at the bottom of the field. Last week Mrs Shipton delivered some giant weighing scales that had been kindly made by Mr Shipton. Once they have been treated and the area is back in use the children will love them – thank you so much!

The log trail, much talked about and many events to raise money for it; the PTA have been working tirelessly to raise money to support this project. Mrs Jenkins and the School Council have had countless meetings which have led to at last – a final design. We are nearly at the point of saying yes...subject the School Council's approval. On Tuesday we received the final drawings of the new planned trail. Once the School Council have approved them and shared them with the rest of the school, they will share them with you all. As you can imagine this is not an inexpensive project and the plan is to develop it in stages. We cannot thank Leah Farrer enough for the hours and hours of time that she has put in, to the point that we are at today. She has listened to the children, taken on board their dreams and ideas and worked with a variety of companies to realise their ideas and get us to this stage of the final design. Look out for the communication from the School Council on this over the coming weeks.

The PTA have been planning this term's events. They have decided to alternate the cake raffle with selling hot chocolates and cakes on a Friday. This week will be the cake raffle. Y6 will be selling tickets in the playground after school today. The children love when the tickets are drawn in Friday celebration assembly, but you have to be in it to win it! Please support your PTA by buying tickets from our Y6 children.

Finally, except for cross country, there has been a surprisingly small uptake for this term's clubs. If your child would like to join one, please do contact the school office who will be more than happy to help.

## God our Father

As we begin a new calendar year, we renew our commitment to offering children the best possible quality education.

Give us courage to take on the difficult challenges and wisdom to make the right decisions along the way, always listening to your Spirit and what is best for our children.

Amen



## Class News!



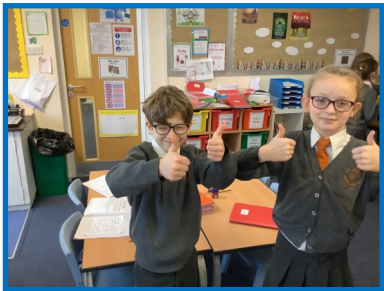
St Mary	<p>Poppy P - I like our story 'Tiddler', he was late for school!</p> <p>Teddy B - I made paper chains for the octopus legs!</p>
St Joseph	<p>Lucy – I enjoyed doing all my work especially my handwriting.</p> <p>Bonnie - I like taking away in numeracy and playing with my friends.</p>
St Peter	<p>Bobbie—is learning about quarter turns in MOT. In literacy she enjoyed changing her story from meerkats to panthers.</p> <p>Oliver—enjoyed writing about a boat this morning. He enjoys playing tag with Kacper at playtimes.</p>
St Patrick	<p>Bertie - I have really enjoyed learning about fractions in Maths.</p> <p>Orla - I have been enjoying making a crib in God Matters to symbolise the birth of Jesus and his presence which is for everyone.</p>
St George	<p>Evie-Mai—"We have been learning more times tables and this term we get to practise on the laptops."</p> <p>Bella—"I enjoyed going swimming with my class. We got to go on the bus and it was really fun to learn with our friends."</p>
St Teresa	<p>Alfie - I have really enjoyed learning how to have a short conversation in french and going around practising newly learnt 'salutations'.</p> <p>Stanley - I have really enjoyed Literacy this week as we have been writing cinquain poems based on World War II, Jesus' birth and the hardships felt by refugees.</p>
St David	<p>Bethany – Doing the Music Technology session was very fun since we got to experience different sounds.</p> <p>Francesca – In Science, I enjoyed making a light programme with my friends because we got to teach each other about light, and made up characters like Little Timmy and Mad Scientist!</p>





St Joseph's is looking for a handy person to carry out small maintenance jobs on an ad hoc basis. For more information please email Charlotte at [sbm@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk). THANK YOU.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY—**  
thank you for your donations totalling £84.95 which has gone to Save the Children charity.



Are you a practising Catholic and interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St Joseph's School? If so please contact [clerk@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) or speak to Mrs Gwyer or Mrs Tiley (Co-Chair of Governors).  
THANK YOU

