

## St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs D'Arcy

Can you believe that we have been back at school for 2 weeks already? Half term is long forgotten as the children and staff as ever come back and hit the ground running.

Year 5 were extremely lucky to be invited back to Forest Green Rovers. They deepened their understanding of the way that the stadium is run, the value of recycling and use of plastics and were lucky enough to take part in some fitness training! Thank you for Miss Crisp for organising! On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed lots of new faces to the school. Parents came to look round, many of whom had come as a result of all the positive things that they have heard about us! You, our parents, are our greatest advertisement. A school's reputation is gained through positive things being said out in the wider community. We are proud and lucky to have such a hardworking, committed and professional team here at St Joseph's. So, thank you all for all of your appreciation for the job that we do and for the positive things that you are saying to friends and relations. All of our visitors from the day went away impressed by the standards that are being set, the rich variety of activities on offer and of course our fabulous Year 6 ambassadors that showed them around!

Saturday Morning was the 3<sup>rd</sup> KLB race...what an awful morning! It was pouring with rain, freezing cold and yet our children were there representing the school and trying to be the best that they can be. Thank you to all of the parents who supported this event despite the terrible weather.

Saturday night went off with a BANG! Wow, what an amazing event that our fantastic PTA organised. The weather was not on our side, however, despite the fog, the atmosphere remained positive and spirits weren't dampened. We have received so much positive feedback. The event raised around £1675! This money will be spent enriching the school life of all the pupils here. Thank you to the PTA for hours and hours that were required to plan such an event, to their friends and relations who helped out and to all of the staff, parents and members of the community who supported it. On that note, our PTA do an amazing job. Many of whom have full time jobs yet still find the time to put on such great family events. Also coming up this term is the Christmas Fayre, Film night and Breakfast with Santa. If you are able to help them out in anyway at all, please do, your children benefit from the monies raised and we know that they will appreciate it - many hands make light work!

We would like to thank Miss Fletcher and Year 6 for the Remembrance service that they delivered on Monday. A service like this takes time and effort to deliver at such a high standard. Thank you also to the others involved, Miss Busby and Mrs Barron. Whilst Year 6 and Reception parents were the only ones invited to the service, please do drop into the main entrance to have a look at the boards that were produced for the service, they will be there for the next week or so.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Barron and Mrs Gwyer took out chaplaincy team to Clifton Cathedral for their commissioning by the Bishop. The children had a great day and Mrs Barron was delighted with the way that our children conducted themselves and represented the school. Our Netball team also played in a tournament at Rednock on Wednesday afternoon. When playing against other schools, it always reminds us how well our children behave, what good sports and team players they are and that they play to the rules. This can be challenging when not all other teams do the same. But none the less Miss Crisp came back proud of our children for playing well, following the rules and behaving the way that they - well done team St Josephs! Thank you Miss Crisp for organising and taking the children and to the parents who provided transport to and from the tournament.

Thank you to all of the parents who have allowed their children to join the choir and who are supporting their events this year. Rehearsals have begun and we have our first performance next weekend at Woodchester Mansion!

Next week is pupil progress where we will be reviewing how well your children are doing and making plans for what they will do next. Just as a reminder - all parents who have a child on the SEND register will be invited

in for a structured conversation as listed on the year's calendar.

As we move further into November, excitement is in the air as rehearsals for the Nativity have begun. Costume letters have gone out. If you have not received yours, please speak to the class teacher and please support our hard working staff by meeting their deadlines and providing what they need. They would really appreciate not having to chase parents for costumes this year! This week the children have been talking about the impact of a smile, how it makes the person receiving one feel. They have been trying to think about this whenever they see someone... how smiley has your child/children been this week!

**In Your Prayer**

Dear God speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family, help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair.

**Class News!**

St Mary	Emilia's friend is Olive and together they like to play with the dolls house. Otis really enjoys playing snakes and ladders with his friends Edward, Finlay, Olive and Kian.
St Joseph	Samuel has been writing a non chronological fact list about camels. Charlotte loves maths and is learning to count up, she can count to 100.
St Peter	Georgia is learning about contracted words in literacy. She is sheep 1 in the nativity and her costume is very fluffy.
St Patrick	Harvey liked making a globe with Mr Walton and learning about the world. Sofia is practising her 3 and 4 times tables. The children have been learning about St Patrick.
St George	Aeva enjoys drawing at Reach Time. Madeleine said in art the class have been using dabbers and paint to make mosaic tiles. They are making lots of different designs.
St Teresa	Caleb likes the maths tests the class are doing; he is learning about nets and cuboids. Pippa had fun at Forest Green Rovers last week; she built a mini stadium and learnt about what a pescatarian and vegan might eat.
St David	Dylan liked showing parents/carers around the school last Friday for the Open Day. He is enjoying the maths tests. Ayla was excited to know the new class topic 'Crime and Punishment'. PC Weedon is visiting the class today. She found the Remembrance Service very interesting and liked making poppies and working with her buddy.



## Weekly R E A C H Awards 18th, 25th October and 8th November 2019



St Mary	Emilia Holmes, Olive Hampshire, Henry Smith, Oliver Carter, Bobbie McKeever
St Joseph	Bertie Hill, Tansy Brown, Ayleigh Graham, Samuel Connolly, Olivia Barber and Violet Webb
St Peter	Reuben Turner, Matilda Maltby, Orla Staff, Evie-Mai Steele, Lauren Turp and Alex Almeida
St Patrick	Emily Beeston, Sophia Armstrong, Jimmy Jagger, Amelie Mason, Xavier White and Freya Riggall
St George	James Turp, Aeva Dickinson, Toby Brimacombe, Harry Hurrell, Harvey Odibendi, Hannah Harper
St Teresa	Emily Niven, Wren Clements, Kobe Timbrell, Rose Whitehead, Elsa White and Joseph Staff
St David	Ted Wallace, Alfie Gordon, Ava Ferris, Ruby Dickinson, Leo Tiley and Holly Stewart

### SCHOOL TRIPS

*Lots of exciting trips and events have been planned for the children please pay promptly by PARENTPAY. We thank the PTA for subsidising these events.*

*Y5 Knex Challenge in school on 20th November—£4.50 per child*

*Y3 Stonehenge on 21st November —£10 per child*

*Y4 Roman Baths on 21st November—£15.00 per child*

*Whole school Panto on 17th December —£14 per child*

*Y4 Slimbridge Wetlands on 14th May 2020—£13 per child*

*Y5 We Are the Curious on 7th January 2020—£15 per child*

*Y5 WW2 Experience Day on 1st April 2020—£15 per child*

*Y5 Sir William Romney experience day on 15th June 2020  
—£5.50 per child*



*Chaplaincy Commissioning Day  
13th November 2019*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION forms are available from the school office. Children must be at least 8 years old or in Year 3. Forms must be returned to St Dominic's, Dursley Parish Office by 9th December.



#### Forthcoming events

21st Nov Y3 Stonehenge trip  
21st Nov Y4 Roman Baths trip  
28th Nov Advent Retreat 1.30pm  
30th Nov PTA Christmas Fayre  
6th Dec PTA Film Night  
7th Dec KLB Race 9.30am

Was your child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016?

#### KEY DATES

**November 2019**—you should receive a letter from GCC advising you how to apply for a school place  
**15 January 2020**—deadline for making your application  
**16th April 2020**—Allocation day

Any questions please contact:  
school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk  
Or visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Congratulations to  
**Roman Timbrell** who won  
the yummy cake  
recently.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT.



Attendance—the updated policy was emailed to all parents/carers this week.

If requesting a leave of absence during term parents/carers will need to complete a form available from the school office setting out the reasons. The form must be completed at least 7 days before the start of any leave. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this will be recorded as unauthorised leave and you could receive a Penalty Notice.

**Feedback Slip for newsletter (14.11.19)**