



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through **Faith, Hope, and Love** Newsletter – Friday 11th October 2024

Whatever the weather ...

It would be fair to say that the rain has been quite impressive recently! We do like the children to get out as much as they possibly can, so please do make sure that your child has a pair of wellies in school and brings a coat in daily now as the temperature is dropping and who knows what will happen during the day – despite a fine weather forecast!

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent's evenings – thank you for helping the staff to run on time. This was a settling in meeting and an opportunity for all parents to meet your child's new class teacher if you haven't already had the opportunity. Don't forget, that staff are on the playground at the end of the day if you would like to catch them about anything.

Little Way Week

Last week was little way week and all of the schools in our MAT celebrated St Thérèse of Lisieux and her little ways. All schools received a picture of St Thérèse with our MAT logo and motto along the bottom. It was lovely to share how the other MAT schools celebrated in our celebration assembly. Please see the attached images to find out the activities that the children took part in.

THANK YOU
so much

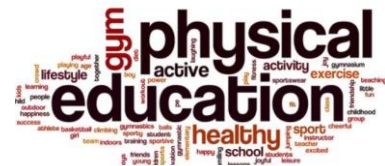
EYFS

Last week the staff spent a day working on the outside area for our reception children. What a miserable day it was but what a transformation took place! We are so grateful to Mrs Wooldridge for spending a day in the rain helping and to Mr Barron who dropped everything to come up and help ...and to the PTA for funding the work that took place and some of the works planned for further development.

At the end of the day, a new list for donation was sent out to you all. Thank you so much for your support and generous donations that are helping to transform the learning for our youngest children.

PE

It's the first cross country race tomorrow morning. I am looking forward to meeting this year's teams at Dursley Rugby Club in the morning at 9.30am. If you are able to car share, please do. If you are able to park at Vale Vets and walk up, please do – this will help with the parking issue that the event creates. As soon as you arrive, please make sure that you find me, I will have your child's number ready for them to pin onto their top and please hand them back to me before you leave so that we have the numbers all ready for the next race.



Tournaments 2024-25



There are a range of tournaments that are on offer this year, football, netball, swimming, rugby etc. Most of them are for children in Year 5 and 6. We do our very best to take a team to these events because of the opportunities that they provide for some of our children but, this is staffing dependent and we do rely on parents to help to take the children to the events which are often at Rednock. If your child is selected for the team, we will let you know nearer the time.

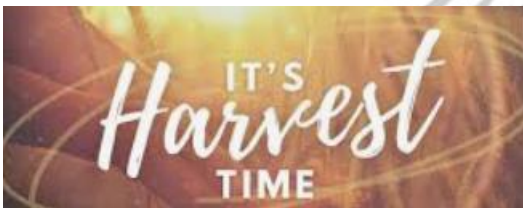
Attendance

At the start of the year a few days off make a big difference to your child's attendance. At this point in the term, if your child has had 2 days off – they will be dropping just below 90% - they are classed as persistently absent. Any child who has had more days off, eg 5 days is around 75% attendance. We have had several children with the odd day off due to illness and whilst they are on the absence tracker, we are carefully monitoring in the hope that this figure now starts to increase. If the % drop further, we will get in touch with you to let you know.

NATIONAL
ATTENDANCE
AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER



Harvest



Hopefully you have read the letter about harvest next week. Please do let the Admin Team know if you are able to come and thank you for supporting Stroud Food bank. **Both events will be in the school hall now.**

PTA News

It was lovely to see some familiar faces at the Old Fox Quiz night on Monday. It was a great evening, some tricky questions (!) but great fun. Thank you so much to Jo Smee, who works there, for arranging this fund raiser for us and for Claire Wooldrige and Annabel Hitchen who helped out with the raffle – what great prizes there were! The evening raised an amazing £407 thank you so much for your hard work.



I don't know if you remember, in June, Lucy Watts and Mrs Wand organised the tea and cakes at an open garden in the village. The event raised an amazing amount of money and Lucy, our fabulous cook, was keen to see some of it put to good use in the hall and so new dinner tables have been ordered for our younger children to replace the older ones. Thank you once again to all involved.

Non-uniform

Thank you for supporting the non-uniform day on Monday – there were some yummy looking jars of sweets that were collected in the hall and some great adaptations, sweets in cellophane bags...I am sure the children will love having a go on the tombola at the firework night.

Save the date.....Saturday 2nd November – PTA Firework Display



The Great Year 3 Macmillan Event

Our Year 3 are very excited. Their REACH Activity this term has been to plan an event and they have chosen the Macmillan Coffee Morning Idea. The event will take place next **Friday 18th October from 1.30pm**. What can you do to help? Bake –if you are able, please support this worthwhile event by donating cakes that the children can sell and come to the event, bring friends and family – all are welcome! The children will be inviting our neighbours from the village too, the more the merrier.



IT Update

Thank you for your patience as we are still not quite back to normal. I know that some of you are still struggling with TEAMS, we are aware and chasing our support about this. It is our hope that all will be resolved soon. This has been a real advantage of being in a MAT – Kevin Parker, our CFO, has been incredibly supportive throughout this time and has been communicating for us when we have not been able to. A report was submitted to GCC yesterday and so now, our normal communication should be back to normal soon.

Reading Ambassadors 2024

Mrs Knight is delighted with her reading ambassadors this year, thank you for leading reading, I am looking forward to the reading shed being opened again, there is much work for you to do : Harry H, Ellianna, Lucy, Ella W, Xanthe, Luna, Charlotte T, Frank, Alice and Theo.



Eco Committee



We celebrated the work that the Eco Committee did last year to achieve the eco award, congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work – the zapping paid off!

And the work begins already for our new committee to keep the award next year! I am excited to find out what initiatives they will come up with that help us to be a more eco-friendly school. Congratulations to Jackson, Hebe, Lucy, Austin, Greg, Ruari, Alfred, Jemima, Charlie H, Freya, Theo, Hannah and Sidney. Mrs Piper was really impressed with your letters. I would also like to thank Mrs Piper for all of her hard work and commitment in ensuring that we are an eco friendly school



Mass Schedule

Mass begins at 10am

Wednesday 16th October Harvest Liturgy
All welcome in the school hall
9.15 – KS1, 10am - KS2
Thursday 17th October –Year 2
Thursday 24th October – Year 1
October Half Term
Thursday 7th November – R
Monday 11th November – Remembrance
Service 10.30am – all welcome
Thursday 14th November – Year 6
Thursday 21st November – Year 5
Thursday 28th November – Year 4

Thursday 28th 1.30pm – Advent Retreat-
all welcome
Thursday 5th December – Year 3
Tuesday 10th December 11am – KS1
Nativity
Wednesday 11th December – KS1
Nativity
Thursday 12th December – Year 2
Tuesday 17th December 6.30pm KS2
Carol Concert
Thursday 19th December – Christingle
Service – all welcome
9.00 – KS1 9.45 – KS2



[October 2024 \(adobe.com\)](https://www.adobe.com)

Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter.

This week's prayer was written by Reception

Dear God,

Thank you for the animals. (Thomas)
Hail Mary, full of grace. (Nellie)
Thank you for looking after the world. (Jasmine)
Thank you, I love the world we live in.
Thank you Mary for looking after Jesus. (Natalia)



Amen



Dates for your



October

Wednesday 16th Harvest Liturgy
(KS1 9.15am) (KS2 10.00am)

WB 21st - Week of Awe and Wonder

WB 21st - Y6 Residential Week

Friday 25th October - Half Term

November

Saturday 2nd - PTA firework night

Thursday 7th - KS2 Stroud Book Festival

Friday 8th - KS1 Stroud Book Festival

Friday 8th - Topic letters and Welcome letters to parents

Friday 8th - Commissioning of the Chaplaincy Team

Monday 11th - Remembrance Day (10.30am)

WB 11th - Anti bullying week - choose Respect

Thursday 14th - Whole school flu immunisation (more details to follow)

Friday 22nd - PTA Disco

Wednesday 27th - Writing moderation with LW CET

Thursday 28th - Advent Retreat

December

Tuesday 10th - KS1 dress rehearsal
(11.00am)

Wednesday 11th - 9.30am KS1 Nativity

Thursday 12th - 2.00pm KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 17th - pantomime day

6.30pm - KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 18th - School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th - 9am KS1 9.45 KS2
Christingle

Friday 20th - Christmas Jumper day for
Save the Children charity

Friday 20th - Christmas Breakfast

Assembly 9.30am Hamper raffle

Friday 20th - Key Stage parties in the
morning

Friday 20th - 1.30pm end of term

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