

St Joseph's Out of School Club

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## Autumn update

### Welcome!

The OOSC team would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parents and children joining St Joseph's this year. We hope you will be very happy at the school. If you have any queries, or would like to have a look at OOSC in case you need to use the Club in the future, please do pop in to see the team who'll be pleased to show you around or answer any questions you may have.

To returning families, welcome to another term! We've plenty lined up to keep the children happily occupied over the next few weeks, details of which can be found below. Please also take the time to join the [St Joseph's Out of School Club \(Nympsfield\) Facebook page](#) (a closed group) to keep up to date with the latest initiatives, news and updates from OOSC.

### Club usage:

OOSC are only able to accept children who are already registered on the [HQ system](#) which ensures we have full contact, medical and dietary information relating to children attending OOSC.

Even if you don't plan to use OOSC on a regular basis, why not register your child(ren) now, so that in the case you are delayed at pick up time, you can request that they go to OOSC (subject to space being available), meaning you can relax and they can enjoy time with their friends?

### Themes for the term

This term, the OOSC club have two key themes which link in both with school's EY theme and that of pre-school (in order to maximise the shared space available): **fairy tales and house & homes**. These themes will be reflected in all OOSC activities – whether it be craft or baking so watch out for the creations that the children will be bringing home with them.

The children are also busy mind mapping activities that they would like to do this term; ideas so far include a film night, Pyjama afternoon and lots of delicious baking ideas, so please keep an eye on the Facebook page for further updates. They have also asked for some remote control cars, so if anyone is having a clear out of the toy cupboard and has any they no longer use, they would be very gratefully received!

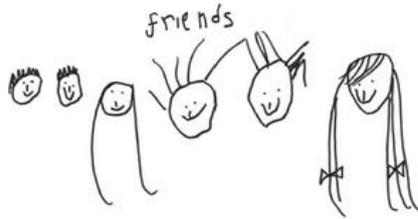
### Staff Update

We are sad to say that Sara will not be returning to OOSC this term, having found a role closer to home. She will be sadly missed, especially by the younger children who enjoyed her story telling and crafting skills. We wish her well in her new role, our loss is most definitely their gain!

### Outside play

Thank you to those parents who helped tidy up the OOSC/Pre-school outside area, it looks much neater and more inviting for the children. We have recently installing a bigger Summerhouse for the children, providing a cosy outside chill out area for the older children attending OOSC.

In addition to the area immediately adjacent to the OOSC room, we are lucky to have access to the wonderful grounds of St Joseph's and we try to get outside as much as possible – regardless of the weather. Today, the children were flying kites which was lovely to see. We have waterproof trousers and a selection of wellies available to children but as the weather turns colder



(and wetter!), please feel free to send your children in with a change of clothes so that they can change out of school uniform, as well as providing warm coats, hats and gloves. Please ensure all items are named.

### Kindles

Children can use the OOSC kindles during the Autumn and Winter term after 5pm. Usage is strictly monitored to ensure that only age appropriate games are available, and children are allowed no more than 15 minutes. If you would prefer your child not to use these devices, please do let a member of staff know.

### Holiday club update & next club dates

The staff and children had a wonderful time during the two weeks of Summer Holiday Club, undertaking a huge range of activities including Forest School, The Great Nympsfield Bake Off, Circus Workshop, traditional sports day games and experiments with Fizz Pop Science. More details, including photos can be found on the OOSC Facebook page and the [Holiday Club](#) page on the school website.

Our next holiday club will run during February half term (Tuesday 18 Feb – Thursday 20 Feb). The team already have three great days planned for the children:

- Forest School with Wild Roots Forest School
- Great Biscuit Bake Off
- Everything you are not allowed to do at home – messy day!

Further information and booking will be available via the school site in due course.

### Finally, a few reminders...

#### Session times

- Breakfast club: 7.45am – 8.40am
- After school club:
  - Early session: 3.15 – 4.30pm
  - Full afternoon /contract afternoon session: 3.15 – 6.00pm
- Please note that if you book an early afternoon session but collect your child(ren) after 4.30pm, you will be charged for a full afternoon session. A late collection charge of £10 per child will be applied to any child who is collected after 6.00pm.

#### Ad-hoc session

- Ad hoc sessions must be paid for at the time of booking. If you need to cancel a session, a request must be made **by email, at least 24 hours before the start of the session booked**, in order to qualify for a refund. Please email the team on [OOSC@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:OOSC@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk).

#### Contract bookings

- All contracts which were in place for the 2018/19 academic year will have rolled over to this year, unless you have previously given notice in writing to the contrary. Invoices are issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month by email. Please can we ask you to settle your invoice as soon as possible after you receive it as we rely on prompt payment to meet our financial commitments.

Please don't hesitate to speak to one of the team or email [chairoosc.st.josephs@gmail.com](mailto:chairoosc.st.josephs@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments.

Best wishes,

The OOSC Committee and Team.