



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 17th May 2024

Exciting Village Venture



As you will be aware, the Rose and Crown has been on the market for some time. A small group of ex-St Joseph's parents, who live in the village, have formed a steering group with the aim of purchasing the pub and running it as a community pub. There is much work to do in order to achieve this and the great news is that so many members of the village are on board with supporting this exciting venture. There will be benefits for you as parents too – a daytime café for example

On 18th May, they are holding a pop-up pub and BBQ in the car park from 3pm. If you are able to support this event you would be more than welcome.

For more information and if you would like to get involved please look at the link below
<https://nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk/>

PTA News

The weather seems to be improving and ice creams will be on sale on Fridays after school, £1.00 each for the remainder of this term then there will be an increase to £1.50 each. Many thanks to all the members of the PTA who are on the rota and are helping to sell them. It's a lovely way to end the week.



Clubs

Late collection from clubs – Please ensure that you collect your child on time from their after school clubs. Teachers give up their own time to run these clubs after school for your children, please support them by making sure that you collect your child/children on time. **If you are late to collect your child on 3 occasions, the teacher running the club will speak to you regarding this and your child will no longer be able to attend the club.**

Please think of our neighbours



We received several emails from our neighbours last week when their drives were blocked by cars at school drop off/collection. Please arrive at school in enough time to park safely and with thought for our neighbours who live in the village. For those of you who are able to walk, there is plenty of space in the village hall car park – which is only a few minutes walk away.

Chaplaincy News

We are in the month of May, a month when we celebrate and think about Our Lady – Mary. Thank you to the chaplaincy team for their beautifully reflective Liturgy this week and for the activities that have been sent into the classrooms. Next week, the children will be offered the opportunity to go over to St Joseph's Church to pray the Rosary.

LWCET NEWS

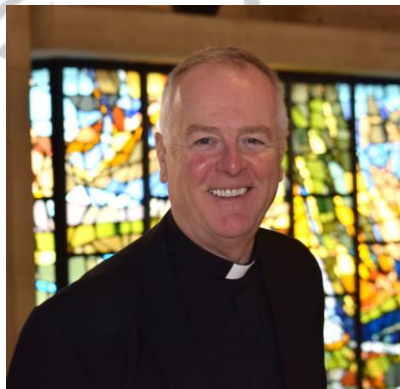
Thank you, those of you who supported the sunflower planting activity, raising money as a 'Little Act of Kindness' with our other MAT schools for CAFOD. The children have planted their sunflowers, now it is time to wait and watch them grow.

From the Diocese

It was lovely to see Louise White last week. She is the RE advisor from the diocese who we work closely with. She enjoyed her visit with us and is delighted that Mrs Carr is our new RE Lead. She is excited about the future and things to come.

We have a new Bishop

Pope Francis appointed Bishop-Elect Bosco the Tenth Bishop of Clifton on 14th March 2024. His Episcopal Ordination was held on Wednesday 8th May at 12 noon at Clifton Cathedral.

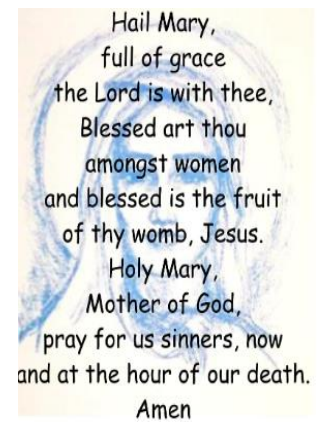


Deaf Awareness Week



Last week we celebrated deaf awareness week and there were lots of exciting opportunities for us to make everyday life more deaf-friendly for children and young people.

This was a great opportunity for some of our children to educate the rest of the school. There was a whole school assembly, which was created and presented by 3 members of our school family. This we followed by a visit from John and Louise from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Louise's hearing dog Bella, was a 2.5 year old cockapoo. It was so impressive how calm she was and so well trained.



I would like to say a huge well done to Isla, Harriet and Violet for all of their hard work in producing the power point for the assembly. For their confident delivery and ideas to make it interactive. Thank you also to Mrs Piper who supported the girls through this and arranged for the hearing dog visit to school. I believe that later on this year, they will be a cake sale to raise funds for hearing dogs.

Attendance Matters

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

As you are aware, there is a government drive to improve attendance. Thank you all for your support with this. If you would like to see more about the documentation that will come into force in August, please follow the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

And...it's not just about attendance – it's about punctuality too. In order for your child to be in their classroom, ready to learn at 8.50am– which is when teaching begins – they need to be walking through the gates at 8.45am.

PUNCTUALITY

If any of these sound familiar then it's time to fix your timekeeping!

"sorry I woke up late and then walked too slow"

"I didn't want to get out of bed this morning"

"I missed the train/bus so decided to walk slowly"

"My school uniform hadn't dried last night"

**5 MINUTES
LATE PER DAY**
Adds up to 3 days
lost school time!

10 minutes =
6.5 school
days per year

15 minutes =
10 days lost
per school year

20 minutes =
13 lost school
days per year

30 minutes =
19 lost school
days per year

Best Practice

Following on from our teaching and learning review last term and having researched on our school website, Mrs Carr has been approached by the county to speak at a Science Subject Leaders network Meeting. She has been asked to share the good practice that is going on at St Joseph's; how the curriculum is organised and the extra-curricular activities that are offered – in an email about Mrs Carr, it was said....

"...she always comes across exceptionally well in our primary meetings. Calm and professional yet with a gentle determination to ensure science has a strong profile."

Congratulations Mrs Carr, and thank you for all of your hard work - we are so lucky to have you!

Respect for our staff

I am sad to say that there have been several occasions over the last term where some of our staff have been upset or made to feel uncomfortable when speaking to some parents. This has been either due to the tone of voice that has been used or criticism of colleagues. It is never appropriate to have a conversation, of this nature in front of our children. Please can I remind us all that there maybe times when you don't feel that we are getting things right or are upset about something that has happened in relation to your child. If that is the case, please come and speak to either Mrs Guoite or myself – our door is always open - and we are always willing to listen and address any concerns raised in an appropriate way reflecting our school values.



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

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/



This week's prayer

Bishop Bosco has asked us all to pray for him.

*O God,
eternal shepherd
who governs your flock
with unfailing care,
grant your boundless fatherly love
on Bishop Bosco.
May he always be
under your guidance
and watchful care.*

Amen

Class Mass

Class Mass will take place on a Thursday at 10am, we would be delighted if you are able to join your child/children and their class when it is their turn.

Summer Term Class Mass'

23 rd May	Year 1
6 th June	Reception
13 th June	Year 5
20 th June	Year 4
27 th June	Feast of St Peter and St Paul – Holy Day of Obligation – Year 3
4 th July	Year 2
11 th July	Year 1



Please don't forget that **Friday 24th May** is an **inset day** as well as **Monday 3rd June**.



Dates
for your



May

WB 20th May – Y6 Bikeability training

June

Tuesday 4th – Swimming starts Y1 until 2nd July

Wednesday 5th – School photos – class and leavers

WB 10th – Phonics Screening (KS1)

WB 10th – Multiplication check (Y4)

Monday 10th – New Parents' Evening EYFS 7pm

Friday 14th – Y6 Leavers Mass at Clifton Cathedral

Monday 24th – Y4 In the Net 10am at Nailsworth Primary School

Tuesday 25th – Whole school photo

Thursday 27th – Transition afternoon

Thursday 27th – SEND transition meeting, current/next teacher and parents, face to face

Thursday 27th June – Education Mass 7pm

July

Monday 1st – Y6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 2nd – Y6 production 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 3rd – Music concert 1.30pm

Wednesday 3rd – Y6 production 6.30pm

Thursday 4th – Transition afternoon (EYFS)

WB 8th – Health Week

Friday 12th – Reports out to parents

WB 15th – Week of Awe and Wonder

Tuesday 16th – Whole school picnic

Thursday 18th – Leavers Mass

Friday 19th – Leavers assembly

Friday 19th - End of the academic year 1.30pm

