



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 3rd May 2024

It's the bank holiday already – don't forget that you have a long weekend ahead – enjoy.

C265 Tinkley Lane Nympsfield - proposed closure 12th May from 9.30am to 14th May 3.30pm (road closure to 4127)

Just to update you regarding the proposed road closure, Laura has been in negotiation with Gloucestershire Highways and Gigaclear. They have agreed that parents will be able to access school from 2.30pm. The closure will be from 9.30-2.30pm – Thank you so much Laura 😊

LWCET News

LWCET Sunflower Competition In aid of CAFOD

It's simple! Just plant and nurture your sunflower & watch it grow, filling our world with colour.

Send in a picture showing it's height and the tallest sunflower wins.

Pictures due in by Monday 1st July.

1st Prize £50 Amazon Voucher



SUNFLOWER

More information about the competition has been shared by Mrs Hill earlier on this week. If you missed it and would like to know more please just ask.

Sporting News



The children are enjoying having Stef and Ollie back on a Friday. There is an athletic focus this term – we are getting ready for District Sports which will take place after May half term.

PTA News



As the weather improves ice creams will be on sale in the playground after school on a Friday - £1 each. Thank you all for your support with this so far, I am sure we will continue to enjoy them as the weather warms up – hopefully soon!

NSPCC



All of the children were part of the NSCPP Speak out stay safe school assemblies. This links nicely with our RSHE curriculum. To end the week off, Year 5 and 6 had NSPCC workshops and the whole school had a visit from the PCSO's who again reinforced this learning for the children.

House News

Kestrels had their house treat last Friday. Their treat was in place for winning overall last term. That means that collectively they earned the most house points that term. Their house captains, Harmony and Lillie organised an Easter picture hunt where the children worked together to collect Easter images that were exchanged for a chocolate lolly. Well done to the house captains for planning and organising a fun event for their house team.

School Council

The School Council has been tasked with finding out what play equipment the children would like to have that they don't currently have. The PTA funded new playground equipment a few years ago. When it is in use every day it doesn't last forever. Once they have listened to all of the children they will speak to the PTA to see what they would be happy to fund.

Consideration for Others

We have had several complaints from parents saying that some cars are being left in the car park in such a way that they are blocking other cars from entering and exiting. If using the car park at drop off or collection, please ensure that you take up as little space as possible allowing others to use and ensure that the access is clear so as not to inconvenience other members of our school community. Equally, the village hall car park is a good place to use – there is plenty of space in there and is only a few minutes walk away.



Uniform



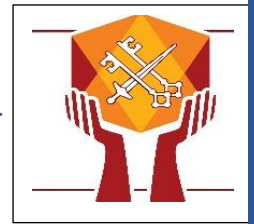
Thank you all for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school smartly dressed ready to learn. Just a reminder about PE kit – children should wear navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms – no logos or branding. If on a rare occasion your child is not in the correct uniform, please do notify us with the reason. Please see the link below for further information.

<http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/web/uniform/358029>

Chaplaincy News

The month of May is here – a special month in the church calendar that we set aside to honour Mary, Mother of God.

The Chaplaincy Team will be organising groups of children to go to the Prayer Garden at the convent to pray the rosary if the children would like to go. This was something that they started last year and was really popular.



The Chaplaincy team will be busy organising the sunflower competition too – please support them with this event. Along with our other LWCET schools, they will be raising money for CAFOD.

What is CAFOD?



CAFOD is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales. They work with partners across the world, wherever the need is greatest, to bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice. With your help, they reach out to people living in hard-to-reach places, in war zones and those who are discriminated against. They believe that if one of us is hurt, hungry or abandoned, we all are hurt, hungry and abandoned. Guided by the values of compassion, solidarity and hope, CAFOD is rooted in the Catholic community. With the help of volunteers, CAFOD puts faith into action to help our sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty to reach their full potential, regardless of religion or culture.

For more information about CAFOD please click here <https://cafod.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do>

Attendance Matters

Thank you all for your ongoing support in improving your child's attendance and in making sure that your child is in school on time.

Teaching starts at 8.50am – your child needs to be in the classroom, sat down, ready to learn at that time. Minutes matter – thank you for ensuring that they are not losing valuable learning time.

One of the things that we will be looking at with the other schools in the LWCET is their attendance and systems and structures that they have in place – it will be interesting to see what other schools are doing to support their families to ensure good attendance.



Through The GATE!!

Be on time for school every day!

Photography Competition

Well done everyone who took part in the 20th Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year Competition 2024. This year we had 16 entries. It was a tough competition. Congratulations to Harriet whose photograph 'Lydstep Caverns' won a Commendation award and Harriet and her family were invited to the Awards Ceremony last week at Cheltenham Playhouse. I would like to thank Mrs Hill who collected and submitted the entries. She has printed off and displayed the children's work on the free standing boards in the school hall. Please do drop in to take a look if you have the time – the images are very impressive.



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 is written by Ellianna, a prayer for the Feast Day of St George:

Dear God,

Help me to have the strength of St George.
Help me to slay the bad like the amazing St George.

Help me to show faith with everything I do.
Why should the shadows come when I show faith?
More and more, I say thank you.

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

2 nd May	Year 4
9 th May	Ascension Day – Holy Day of Obligation Year 3
16 th May	Year 2
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



Dates for your



May

WB 13th May – KS2 SATs

WB 20th May – Y6 Bikeability training

**Friday 24th May – Half term - extra
INSET day**

June

Monday 3rd – INSET day

Tuesday 4th – Swimming life saving
lessons 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

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

