

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter - Friday 21st June 2024

The summer term is well underway and the weeks are flying by. Dare I say it, it looks as if we might actually be in for dry weather for a bit. As we work through the summer term, it starts to get really busy. Please make sure that you send your child to school ready for the weather – sun hats, cream and of course with their water bottle.

Exciting Village Venture



After a really successful afternoon with the Pop up Pub, the committee very kindly made a donation to school – thank you so much.

It's not too late..... for more information about the plans for a community pub and if you would like to get involved please look at the link below

https://nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk/

PTA News

Fun RUN - after school today. Do stay and allow your child to join in the fun. The teachers are all ready with their water pistols to help encourage the children as they run – might be a good idea to bring a towel ©



School Dinners

We are so lucky to have Lucy and Leah as our cooks in the kitchen – school dinners have never been so good at St Joseph's. The children enjoy their dinners and another confirmation of this is that school staff regularly have school dinners – this has not always been the case.

School dinners at St Joseph's are provided by Caterlink. This term they are seeking feedback from parents. If your child has school dinners please do take the time to complete the survey by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code below https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ





I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lucy and Leah for catering so well for our school family, they are such valued members of our team.

Chaplaincy News

Some of the Chaplaincy team will hopefully be joining other children from LWCET schools for a joint Chaplaincy Day on the 3rd July. In order for this lovely opportunity to go ahead, we will need some help with transport - if you are able to help, please do get in touch with the Admin Team so that this event can go ahead – at the moment, we have lifts for 6 children.



From the Diocese

I had the pleasure of joining our Year 6 children last week for their Leaver's Mass at Clifton Cathedral. It was a lovely service and the first time that the children saw our new Bishop – Bishop Bosco. Our children, as you can imagine, represented the school so well and the work that they produced for their offertory gift was beautiful. It was also lovely to see some parents there too. The actual art work will be going up in the front entrance soon, for you to see next time you are in school. Thank you to Mrs Knight and Mrs Barron for the brilliant work that they did in supporting the children to produce this piece of work, to the children for being the best that they could be and to parents for making sure they came to school, smartly dressed for the occasion.

First Holy Communion



Six of our children, Julia, Molly, Eliza, Elizabeth, Finley and Kacper took their first Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June. The children have been preparing for this exciting day for many months. The children looked beautiful and it was a privilege to be present at the service. Congratulations to the children for all of their hard work and to their families. I am sure that the celebrations continued throughout that day. I would also like to thank Syd Gwyer, who devoted so much time in

preparing the children so well enabling them to take this sacrament and to the staff, Miss Gardiner, Mrs Barron, Mrs Daly and Miss Drury who also came along to support the children.

Sporting News

Year 2 enjoyed a morning at Rednock school where they were involved in multi skills activities. Well done to all of the children, who enjoyed taking part and thank you to Mrs Barron and Mrs Jenkins for taking the children. Thank you also to the parents who provided transport enabling them to go.

District Sports

Last week was district sports – field events on Monday night and track events on Wednesday night. What great events there were. We had many placings in the races and children on the podium and very exciting relays. The children involved were Pip, Raffy, Alex, Orla S, Grace, Violet, Kian, Edward, Austin, Oliver C, Ella, Amberlee, Spencer, Arthur

J, Lauren, Hannah, Charlotte D, Tansy, Harmony, Rosalie, Theo M, Rory, Felix, Sidney, Olive, Pearl and Elliot!

Thank you all so much for training so hard and giving it your all at the competitions. I would especially like to thank Ella and Amberlee because they ran up and competed in the year group above them, demonstrating their great ability and requiring a lot of confidence! Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children at the event - didn't they do well! And to Mrs Daly for all of her time and organisation for the event along with the staff who came along to support too.

I would also like to thank Mr Britton, again for all of his hard work over the summer at Athletics club which has prepared many of the children for this event but also for the time that he has generously given to the school over the last couple of years in training our young athletes. Our teams have been so successful – thank you so much.

We are looking for a new Mr Britton, if you are a runner and are able to support this club, please do come and talk to me about it.

Whole school photo next week

On Tuesday 25th June we are having a whole school photo taken. Please can you send your child into school in their summer uniform that day.

EYFS meeting and transitions

Our New Parent's evening took place last week. It was nice to see familiar parents as well as welcome some new ones.



Thank you to Annabel Hitchen who came along to talk about the PTA, Gabriella Tiley, who came to represent the Governors, Mrs Guoite who supported the evening and of course Mrs Daly who is our reception teacher for next year – which we are all very excited about.

Staffing Update

Thank you to the parents for the cards and flowers that you have arranged for Mrs Carr. She was really touched by them. We are regularly in touch with Mrs Carr, who is on the mend but as you will be aware, a fracture takes time. We all miss her and hold her in our prayers that she continues to recover well and will be back with us soon.

We say goodbye to Miss Wilkinson in July, who will be looking for reduced hours closer to home. We would like to thank her for her time at St Joseph's and wish her all the very best in the future.

We say hello and welcome to the team to Miss Read, who will be joining us and teaching Year 1 and to Miss Keightley, who will be teaching Year 4. We are delighted with these new appointments. We were again spoilt for choice from a range of strong candidates. Both of our new members of staff are excited to be joining St Joseph's and will be coming in for transitions with their new classes. We will arrange a time to give you the opportunity to come and meet them later on in the term.



Transition sessions will take place on a Friday, starting today, for the next few weeks, where your children will start to get to know their new class teacher.

Class Structure 2024/25

Reception Mrs Daly
Year 1 Miss Read
Year 2 Miss White
Year 3 Miss Drury
Year 4 Miss Keightley
Year 5 Mrs Carr
Year 6 Mrs Knight

Year 6 Production



The Year 6 production this year is Moana - this is a new one for all involved! Mrs Knight, Sarah, from Dazzle and the children have been working hard over the last few weeks and this continues as the performances are on:

Tuesday 2nd July 2pm and 6.30pm Wednesday 3rd July – 6.30pm

Year 6 parents have been given the opportunity to buy tickets, On 25th June tickets will be opened up to the whole school. If you would like to come along, please do. Whilst the performance is by Year 6, it is always a good opportunity for other parents to see what our children achieve by the time they leave us in Year 6. I know that your children will have seen the dress rehearsal, but many of them would love to see it again! Hope to see you there.



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/



<u>This week's prayer written by Sol – Year 4</u>

Dear God.

We thank you for all the people who work to give their lives to God. We pray we can be fearless, brave and have high expectations like our key workers.

We pray we are ready for God's way.

We pray we can call on Jesus when we need him for our twists and turns in life.

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'

27th June Feast of St Peter and St Paul – Holy Day of Obligation –

Year 3

4th July Year 2 11th July Year 1



Dates for your

<u>June</u>

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

Tues 25th – Whole school photo

Thurs 27th – EYFS Transition afternoon

Thurs 27th – Structured conversations (parents have been contacted this week)

Thurs 27th – Education Mass 7pm at Clifton Cathedral

July

Mon 1st – Y6 dress rehearsal

Tues 2nd – Y6 production 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Wed 3rd – Music concert 1.30pm – if your child has music lessons at school please do come

Wed 3rd – Y6 production 6.30pm

Thurs 4th – EYFS Transition afternoon

W/b 8th – Health Week

Fri 12th – Reports out to parents

W/b 15th – Week of Awe and Wonder

Tues 16th – Whole school picnic

Thurs 18th – Leavers Mass

Fri 19th – Leavers assembly

Fri 19th – End of the academic year at 1.30pm