



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 1st March 2024

Welcome back to the spring term

Welcome back to school - it's week 2 already – I hope that you all had a lovely half term – it will be the Easter holidays before you know it! It is going to be another busy term and parents evening is coming up. Please make sure that you have an appointment booked as this is an important meeting where teacher will be sharing your child's progress and what they need to work on to improve. We also welcome the Bareham family to our school family lone in Year 1, Callum in Year 3 and Lyra in Year 5. The children have made their new friends feel most welcome and I am sure that you will in the playground too.



Last week Lucy and Leah, our brilliant kitchen staff had an unannounced Health and Safety visit. It came as no surprise to us that they passed with flying colours retaining their 5 star award. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for the lengths that they go to, to ensure that the dinners on offer at St Joseph's are the best that they can be. We are so lucky to have you both.

Price increase

From April 2024, the cost of school dinners will be going up to **£2.71**.

Behaviour policy

The behaviour policy has been completed, staff and children are happy with the changes that have been made. Please do have a read through and if you would like to discuss with us then do not hesitate to come and have a chat.

Sporting News



They did it again!

What an amazing day our runners had at the final cross country event. We had runners who certainly made it their best race. We had lots of individual results as well as team results.

Individual results:

Junior girls - 3rd Ella Wand

Junior boys - 5th Edward Artz

Senior boys - 3rd Raffy Britton, 4th Alex Almeida, 10th Arthur Jordan

The team results:

Junior girls – 3rd

Junior boys – 3rd

Senior girls – 2nd

Senior boys - 1st

Congratulations to all of our runners, what a brilliant set of results each and every one of them striving to be the best that they can be. When added altogether, the results meant that not only did we win the big school competition but we were also top scoring overall for the second year running!

There were also some awards presented to the children for the most improved performances over the season. Congratulations to Felix, Ava and Hannah for showing great resilience and always striving to be the best that they can be.

Six of our runners, Grace, Orla S, Raffy, Alex and Arthur J were selected to compete at the county championships, which took place last Saturday. They competed against the best of the best and all did incredibly well. Well done to them all for qualifying and for great performances on the day.

I would like to thank all of the parents for supporting this event. I understand how precious weekends are but you brought and supported your children and the others, whatever the weather. Thank you all.

I would like to thank again Mr Britton for training our runners and preparing them so well for the races, Mrs Montgomery for supporting the club every week and Mr Munday and Mr Wright for their support of the club as well. What a great season they have had again. Mr Britton is taking this half term off but will be back in the summer term for athletics – District Sports, here we come!

Internet Safety Day



We were surprised and concerned about some of the things that children said either in their internet safety talks or on their survey. Miss Drury, our computing lead, is compiling the data for each year group with information about some of the games that the children say they are playing and they will be sent out to parents soon.

PTA News



The events that are coming up next term are:

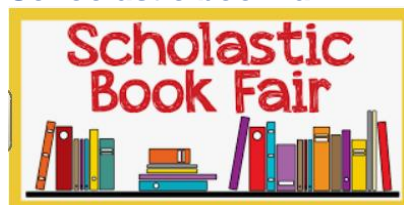
Thank you for all of your donations for the Easter Hampers. All that needs to happen now is for Mrs Wand to turn your generous piles of donations into magnificent hampers - photos will be shared when they have been made.

We are looking forward to seeing the children at the disco later on tonight. In order to get the children to you as quickly as possible, we will bring the children out to you at the end of the disco as we do at the end of the school day.

1st March – PTA Disco

24th March - PTA Easter Event

Scholastic book fair



Just a reminder that the book fair will be in the hall during parents evening next week.

Clubs

We have been offered a great opportunity for our KS1 and Year 3 girls. Ali Dixon, an experienced PE teacher is coming to St Joseph's at 8am on Thursday mornings this term. Her task is to improve girl's skills. We have had a few children sign up and they have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. I know 8am is a bit of an ask but would encourage anyone who thinks that they could do this for the next 3 weeks to let the Admin Team know – your daughter will have so much fun and benefit greatly from Ali's expertise.

Chaplaincy News

This year, for the season of Lent, all classes have been given Lent in a bag. There are resources and a display that the children will use during their class prayers sessions as we move closer to Easter, following the journey that Jesus went on leading to his crucifixion. This will be brought together for the Stations of the Cross that will take place on the last day of term – more information will be sent out nearer the time and you are all welcome to join us



From some of our children, Rosalie, Amelia and Bella – living out their faith through catholic social teaching.

We would like to tell you about a fundraiser we're doing this week to benefit the Lotus Flower Charity. For just £1, your child can buy a ticket to be entered into a raffle to win one of these cool bags, plus an emoji badge, plus each bag has a surprise inside! These bags are great for carrying your swim kit, pencil case, water bottle, trainers or anything really! We made them ourselves to support The Lotus Flower charity.

We want to support the Lotus Flower Charity because it's something we really care about. The charity helps women and girls our age who have been through wars and displacement and have lost the chance or the right to learn to read, go to school, and learn a trade. The Lotus Charity helps these vulnerable girls and women learn to read, speak English, and learn a skill that will help them become self-sufficient. Most of these women and girls live in refugee camps and do not have access to this kind of education, which is why we'd really like to help them and give them some hope and confidence too.

Tickets cost £1, but the more you buy the better your chance of winning! Winners will be announced Friday night at the school disco, but if you aren't coming you can still collect your bag the following Monday at school. Please help us support this great charity!

Please see the like for more information about this charity. <https://thelotusflower.org/>

Teaching and Learning Review

I am sure that you are aware, we had some visitors in school yesterday. Helen Sowden, our Gloucester school improvement partner, Ken Buxton a HMI inspector and Charlotte Blanch, the CEO of our MAT. We had a very busy day going in and out all of the classrooms, speaking to the children and teachers about the learning at St Joseph's. We had a great day, so much to celebrate and our visitors left us having thoroughly enjoyed their day saying how focused and articulate our children are, how well they can talk about their learning. At the end of a very busy day we were left feeling very proud of our school family.



<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/tpPHqIIMAG1D5/>

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 is written by Joseph in Year 1

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please forgive us when we do something wrong.
Please help us to make the right choices and make me a good loving friend to others around me.
Help me to forgive people like the father forgave the son.
Help me to understand if I get people to love at this catholic school, I will love them.
Help me to not have greed in me.
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 and their class when it is their turn.

Thursday 7th March – Year 3
Thursday 14th March - Year 2
Thursday 21st March – Year 1



Dates for your



March

Friday 1st – PTA Disco

Tuesday 5th – Parents Evening with
Scholastic Book Fayre

Wednesday 6th – Parents Evening with
Scholastic Book Fayre

Thursday 7th – World Book Day

WB 11th – SEN structured conversations
face to face

Wednesday 13th – Y5 Woodchester Park
trip

Friday 15th – Year 6 Skill Zone visit

Friday 15th – Year 4 Woodchester House
trip - AM

Thursday 21st House Singing Competition
1.30pm

Friday 22nd – Stations of the Cross AM
(Chaplaincy Team)

Friday 22nd – End of Term 1.30pm

April

Tuesday 9th – Rec and Y6 heights,
weights and vision NHS screening

Tuesday 9th - Y2 swimming starts

Friday 19th – Y6 PC Schoolsbeat visit –
online relationships 1pm

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 catch up lessons
until 2nd July (Y3-6)

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 – Year 6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 25th – Whole school photo

Wednesday 26th – Year 6 production 2pm
and 6.30pm

Thursday 27th – Transition afternoon

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

Thursday 27th June – Education Mass
7pm

July

Wednesday 3rd – Music concert 1.30pm

Thursday 4th – Transition afternoon
(EYFS)

WB 8th – Health Week

Friday 12th – Reports out to parents

WB 15th – Week of Awe and Wonder

Thursday 18th – Leavers mass

Friday 19th – Leavers assembly

Friday 19th - End of the academic year
1.30pm

