



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 10th May 2024

Interim Co-Headteachers' message



On Thursday St Lawrence led the Mass for the Ascension at St. Aldhelm's Church. The quality of the reading and singing was magnificent and many parishioners commented to staff about it.

Uniform and toys from home

Finally the sunshine has appeared and the children are able to wear their summer uniform. Please ensure that hair is tied back and shoes/sandals are compliant with the school policy (extract below).

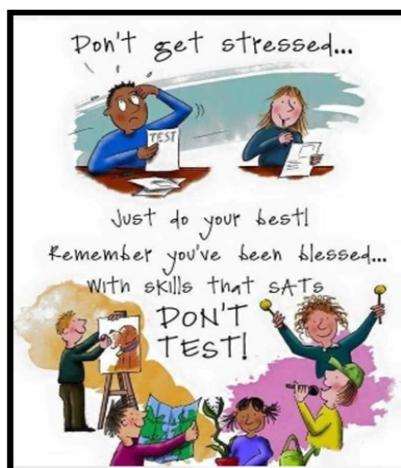
Summer uniform may be worn from Easter until the end of Term 1 in the autumn, although children are permitted to wear their winter uniform all year round. The summer uniform consists of:

- Grey shorts or a green and white striped or green and white checked dress
- Dark or white sandals (socks or tights must be worn) as an alternative to black shoes.
- Black, dark green or grey tights or black, dark green, grey or white socks
- Children should also have a suitable hat to protect their faces and necks in warm weather
- Make-up, nail varnish and dyed hair is not allowed. Fashion or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. Hair accessories should be discreet and dark in colour, e.g. black, brown or dark green. Oversized hair accessories are not allowed.

We would recommend that your child also brings in labelled sun cream that they can apply themselves.

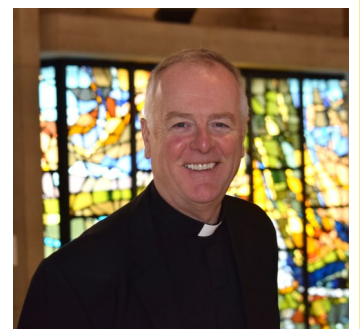
Y6 SATs

Next week the Y6's will be taking their SATs, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



The New Bishop of Clifton

On Wednesday 8th May 2024 The Rt Rev Bosco MacDonald was ordained the Tenth Bishop of Clifton. I was privileged to be one of the congregation at this historical event and the ceremony was wonderful. Our prayers are with Bishop Bosco for God to guide him in his new role.



WOW moments across the school!

"Pupils enjoy coming to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. They find lessons interesting. Pupils are eager to talk about their learning. They feel safe to make mistakes and to learn from them" OFSTED March 2023

Here is just a snap shot of the exciting, wonderful work and activities going on across the school this week.

St Teresa - Miss Just:

To conclude our writing topic based on the book *The Train Ride*, we have had our last stop at the beach. The classroom was transformed into St Teresa Beach and the snack shop was a big hit! Over the rest of the week the children have been writing about their journey to the seaside and their time there. Hopefully you will receive a postcard soon too!



St Lawrence - Mr Wilkinson:

Our WOW moment this week was when we played Brazilian City Battleships. The children were trying to guess where the cities in Brazil were on the grid. This involved having to communicate effectively with their partner and also their opponents. Felicity: "It was really fun because I got a hit on my first try." Wiktoria: "I really liked it because I got to play with my best friend." Florence: "I liked that we got to play with our friends."



St Scholastica - Mr Heavey:

Our wow moments in St. Scholastica this week were: Alfie J: "I enjoyed completing our big write because it was fun to do and we could be creative." Poppy: "I enjoyed doing PE because we got to play parachute games like sharks and lifeguards." Lux: "I enjoyed doing Art because it was different to what we usually do."

St Francis - Miss Thomson:

Our WOW moment this week was our BBQ during Forest School.

Leandra: "I liked doing the BBQ because I found it fun to flip over my bacon!"

Joshua: "I enjoyed forest school because we got to eat our food after we finished cooking it over the open fire."

Freddie: "I enjoyed Mass celebrating Ascension Day because we got to sing lots of songs."



PFA Quiz Night Next Friday

Tickets are on sale via Parentpay for the PFA **Quiz night on 17th May 2024 at 7pm.** A Sri Lankan curry supper is on offer provided by Roost restaurant—tickets are £12 each to include the curry or £5 without. So get your team together (6 max) and test your knowledge! We are looking forward to a fun evening.

SEN News

Raising a child with additional needs can be challenging in many ways and expert help and support can make a real difference to day to day life. If you are a parent/carer/grandparent/foster parent to a child or young person with SEN you may wish to register with Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC). They are an excellent organisation that offer a wide range of support and advice:

‘Registering with the WPCC is free and brings many benefits. By registering with the WPCC, you will receive our free weekly newsletter which is full of information to help and support parent carers of children and young people with SEND in Wiltshire, and often professionals as well. Through our newsletter, you will find out about events, workshops and courses, training opportunities, activities for children and young people, opportunities to have a say and help shape some of the services you use, and so much more.’

You can register with the WPCC through the following link: <https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Membership>

The WPCC May 2024 edition of their Short Breaks Bulletin is now available. This details all the activities available this month across Wiltshire, specifically for children with SEN. These range from music groups, hydrotherapy sessions, Judo, sensory play sessions...this list goes on! Many activities are heavily discounted and often carers go free. It really is worth a look!

The Bulletin is available electronically on the WPCC website: https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short_breaks_-_Short_Breaks_Bulletin

Or you can request a hard copy by calling the centre on 01225 764647 or emailing reception@wiltspcc.co.uk

Alternatively, Mrs Clift has a copy in school that you are very welcome to borrow.

School Uniform Order

Final reminder for any uniform orders! We will be placing the order on Monday so if you missed the Friday deadline we can accept any last minute order forms on Monday morning at drop off, after which time you will need to place your order directly with the supplier.

<https://www.st-josephs-malmsbury.wilts.sch.uk/school-uniform/>



What is Lyme disease and why do we need to be tick-aware?

To help you stay safe, UK Health have compiled a guide to protecting yourself from tick-borne infections. In this blog post, you'll learn how to avoid tick bites, how to recognise the signs and symptoms of Lyme disease and TBE, and when to seek medical assistance.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

UK Health Security Agency

Tick Awareness



On-street parking at drop-off and pick-up

As a school we have no jurisdiction with respect to enforcing parking regulations and recognise that where parents choose to park is their own choice and responsibility. We have, however, had several complaints from other road users and those in the locality about unsafe and inconvenient parking. This is particularly on double yellow lines on and around the bend at the top of The Holloway.

We are therefore requesting that, unless there is a very specific reason that would be supported by the Highway Code, parents always use the Cross Hayes carpark or park a distance from the school and “Park and Stride” to drop-off and pick-up.

We work hard to keep positive relationship with all our neighbours, who naturally blame us for parking that is inconsiderate or dangerous. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Our May Half Term Holiday Club is proving popular, not just with St Joseph's children but with those from other schools. If you plan to book for May half term don't delay, please submit your forms to the office next week.



We accept Government tax-free childcare voucher to pay for childcare in our breakfast and afterschool Opportunities club.
<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

It is super easy to apply for and significantly reduces the cost of wrap around childcare fees.

**Weekly Attendance
Tuesday 7th May — Friday 10th May**

St Teresa 98.9%

St Lawrence 98.3%

St Francis 96.6%

St Scholastica 99.4%

“Let us walk together taking care of each other and of Creation, our common home. Above all, take care of people in need.” Pope Francis



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