



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 29th November 2024

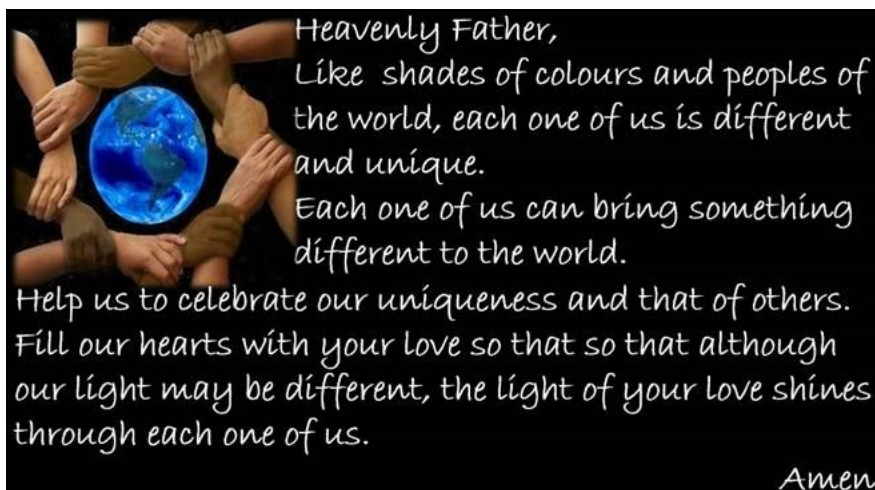
Headteachers' message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful start to the week we had. Thank you for your support and understanding around our late opening. As it was, things in Malmesbury all turned out OK for the school on Monday morning. However, this was not the case for several staff who, as a result of the flooding, had very challenging journeys to school. The remainder of the week has been relatively calm as we prepare ourselves for the start of advent. Please check out the diary section and updates within the newsletter about things to be aware of over the coming weeks.

Worship this week:

Our focus for Monday's values worship was inspired by the Rainbow at the end of the Noah's Ark account in the Bible. I talked to the children about how this was God's sign to humanity that he would not do this again. We discussed what was meant by this promise and linked this to Jesus being the light of the world who had challenged us to keep his light alive through the kind acts we did to each other. Linking this to the rainbow, I used the different colours of the rainbow as a metaphor to kind acts to others being varied but that they can all bring light to the world. Our prayer for this week drew parallels from the last few weeks and also Mr Wilkinson's Gospel worship which challenged the children to just be kind.



Nursery Update:

We are now in the final phase of our Nursery consultation and are in the process of applying for a government grant to enable us to make some minor alterations to our facilities. In addition to this we are also seeking feedback from interested parties with respect to the age ranges they would like provision for. To help us to complete this analysis we would very much value your contributions or support in sharing the following Age Group Confirmation questionnaire with friends or other interested parties. The closing date for this questionnaire is Friday 13th December.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1V685NrDKM>

St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School Nursery Proposal



Nativity:

Having canvassed opinion from St Teresa parents, we can confirm that there will not be an evening performance of the class nativity. The performance remains as previously advertised on Thursday 12th December at 2pm.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

A reading from Matthew 5:14-16. Glory to you, O Lord

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Diocese RE Review:

On Wednesday we were visited by the RE and Education Advisor from Clifton Diocese. During her visit she worked with myself, Miss just and Mr Wilkinson to review children's learning, see and experience the work of our school chaplains and lastly visit classes to see RE being taught. We all feel very proud of the work she saw in the school and were especially pleased that she saw some amazing work being done by our class chaplains preparing for Class Worship today.

Dyson Science Workshop:

Today St Scholastica enjoyed a special science lesson using the Challenge Starter Card Kit, an educational resource provided by the James Dyson Foundation as part of their STEAM week. The children undertook a number of physics based activities with varying degrees of success but had a great time working in teams and bringing science to life. They were complimented by the Dyson staff for their politeness and enthusiasm. See St Scholastica's WOW



Whole School Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December

Children are invited to join in the festive fun on the last Tuesday of term with our traditional Christmas lunch in the hall

Menu

Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast Fillet (A4)
Roast potatoes, roast parsnips, sage & onion stuffing (A2), Pigs in blankets or meat-free mini sausages (A2 A13), Carrots, Brussels Sprouts, Gluten free Gravy, followed by Christmas Ice Cream (A7)
Price £2.75

Please book and pay via Parentpay in the usual way by Friday 6th December

If you don't usually book lunches via Parentpay and need assistance with ordering, please contact the school office and we can raise this as an individual payment item.

A2 Cereals containing gluten A4 Eggs A7 Milk A13 Soya



Christmas

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
11:00AM - 1:30PM **BAZAAR**



Thank you for all of your generous donations over the last couple of weeks, they are very much appreciated. Please remember to return your raffle tickets, money and stubs to be in with a chance of winning £100 Cash, a wheelbarrow full of festive cheer, a luxury hamper and many more prizes. Extra tickets are available from the school office. Please also return any unsold tickets.

On-line bidding is also now open for all the goodies up for grabs in the Auction of Promises. Click on the link below .

<https://auctionofpromises.com/StJosephsCatholicPrimarySchool2024>

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

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

Wow, We're Outside in the Weather!

We've had a brilliant time at Forest School this week, doing lots of different activities including enjoying using things we found on our land to make beautiful pictures like rainbows and trees. We made amazing dens and huddled inside. We played games and had hot chocolate to round off the fun!



St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith & Miss Weatherall

St Lawrence are learning to make a seasonal tart in DT. We learned how to use a knife and a peeler safely and practised our skills on tomatoes, cucumber and potatoes.

Harriet - "I liked it because it was fun and we were learning how to cut and peel safely."

Jack - "I liked learning to make a bridge over the tomato to cut it safely."

Sean - "I enjoyed chopping the vegetables."



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This week our WOW moment has been partaking in a STEAM workshop provided by Dyson. Our first activity was to build a Helicopter using only a sheet of paper and a paperclip. The children had lots of fun throwing their helicopters in the air and seeing them spin round.

Our second activity was to create a balloon car. This activity tested the children and, whilst lots of our cars were unable to move, after testing we finished the activity with a much better understanding of how we could improve next time.

Audrey - "I liked thinking about the different ways we could make our cars."

Aleki - "I enjoyed taking part in the car race."

Gabriella - "I loved making and decorating the helicopters."



St Francis - Miss Thomson

Jessie - "My WOW moment was when we did our science experiment, cleaning eggs that had been left in different liquids for the weekend. It was really fun and interesting!"

Saoirse - "My WOW moment

has been writing our Christmas prayers."

Wiktorija - "My WOW moment was the science experiment. It was fun and surprising - we didn't expect that the apple juice would start to dissolve the eggshell."



**This week's Wednesday Word
is ADVENT.**



“Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It’s time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours.”

Pope Francis.

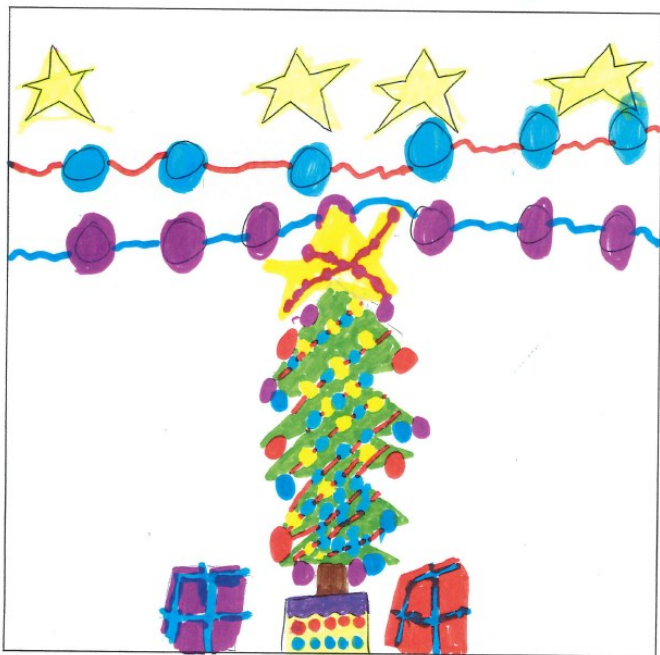
The Wednesday Word is on our website: www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/

Weekly Attendance Monday 25th Nov — Friday 29th Nov	
St Teresa 95%	St Lawrence 97.6%
St Francis 95%	St Scholastica 94.7%

Christmas BAZAAR

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RAFFLE, GAMES, TOYS, BOOKS,
CAFÉ AND CAKES AND MUCH MORE!

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Parents and Friends Association
Registered Charity No: 1146152

YOUR CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Come and join our
MALMESBURY goodafternoon CHOR

with their special | Children from St Joseph's
CHRISTMAS GUESTS | Catholic Primary School

Wednesday 4th December 2:00pm-3:00pm
at Malmesbury Town Hall / Assembly Rooms

Join CORRIE and the MALMESBURY Good Afternoon Choir

FREE ADMISSION | EVERYONE WELCOME
www.goodafternoonchoir.org

Retiring collection supporting
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SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

HOPE CHURCH

Beauty and the BEES

PANTOMIME

PERFORMANCE START TIMES:
3PM AND 6PM

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS: WWW.THEHOPE.CHURCH/XMAS