



NEWSLETTER

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From the start of term 5 school life is steadily gaining a little more normality, whilst still adhering to the guidance and restrictions of the current pandemic. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging in a range of sports clubs and the tournaments for Key Stage 2.

Well done to the Year 3 team for coming second out of the whole tournament, but equally important, well done to all those who took part and had a great time, representing St Joseph's School in the local area. You all did us proud...Thank you!

As we dedicate the Month of May to Mary, may we thank all our mothers and caring figures in our



May
The Month Of Mary

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

We have an exciting vacancy for a Parent Governor. We are now welcoming nominations from parents or carers keen to join our Governing Board. Hopefully you will have received, in book bags yesterday, a letter giving you further details and a nomination form. The letter is also attached to this mailing. You don't have to be an expert on education to be a school governor. You need to be a team player, be enthusiastic and want to contribute in a positive and constructive manner. If anyone would like an informal chat about what being a Parent Governor involves, you will find the details of one of our Parent Governors, Rachel Copeland, in the attached letter. She would be happy to tell you more about what being a governor at St Joseph's is like. Any further questions please contact the Clerk to Governors on clerk@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk.

Monday 24th May is a Staff Development Day. Children will not be in school.

Message from Pope Francis:



'Above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another.'

Please take a moment to follow the Wednesday Word link below...

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/love?pid=MTA101634&v=26.7>

Please could we ask you to bring in your good quality unwanted clothes and shoes to school on the TUESDAY THE 18th of MAY.

Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme will be collecting on the 19th but we need to let them know how roughly how many bags we've collected so please bring in your bags on the 18th.

We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards our fundraising efforts and would be most grateful for your support.



Worth an ask! TV / Monitor Screen Donation....

We are in need of an additional monitor screen and wonder if anyone has one surplus to requirements. It needs to be about 42in screen. Thank you!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

We have a number of second hand items which we sell at £1 per item. If you need a spare set of uniform, please let us know and we will check if we have your child's size. We will charge this through your Parentpay account.

**Weekly Attendance
Tuesday 4 May —
Friday 7th May 2021**

St Anthony 92.8 %

St Aldhelm 95.6%

St Lawrence 99.2 %

St Francis 98 %

St Scholastica 100%

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

WOW! The Chaplaincy Team are excited to announce that our school Garden of Refection has undergone some redesign and restoration. We are fortunate to have this space to provide a quiet and peaceful area for prayer and reflection. We would like to thank Brian Birkin-Hewitt who has worked incredibly hard over the last few months to provide us with this safe and peaceful surroundings. He has built and painted the fence, removed the weeds, fixed the bench and restored the water feature. We are delighted with the finished results and we look forward to inviting all the children to using the garden in the future.



We are delighted to have secured grants from The Malmesbury Carnival and Malmesbury Warden and Freeman These grants have enabled us to complete this renovation work and for us to purchase 5 sleeper style benches (now on order), which will beautifully finish off our Garden of Reflection.



Before the make over

Thank you so much for all who were involved in this transformation, in particular Brian who completed the lions share of work and the Oughton Family who were the most amazing lifters and shifters of a large amount of chippings!



After the make over!

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

From Term 6 we would like to offer school milk to children. This is currently offered free to the under 5 year olds. Parent's who wish to order and pay for milk for their child aged 5 and up, can do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com and registering. The cost is approximately £15 per term. All of the payments and administration is completed through the Cool Milk group, who deliver fresh milk to school for your child to drink at break time.

SCHOOL PRAYER LINK

The Clifton Diocese asks us please to pray this week for:

All Saints Academy, Cheltenham
St Edward's Preparatory School, Cheltenham
St Edward's Senior School, Cheltenham
St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre, Gloucester

During this uncertain time prayer is more important than ever.

All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all that work and learn in them.

Please try to spend some time, each week, thinking and praying for the schools.

Holy Spirit, be with the children of these schools we pray for this week.

Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge and strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.

Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to their community.

May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well.

Amen

