



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 3rd November 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



This week's Gospel is the Parable of the Talents, we learn that God wants us to experience being loved and choose to love Him in return. This week in Celebration assembly we have helped children to celebrate the precious gifts God has given them.

Residential

The Y6's have had a wonderful time at Kilvrough Manor and have exceeded all of our expectations – we have missed them in school and can't wait to find out all about their adventures on Monday!

Celebration assembly

This week's celebration assembly was extra special because it was led by St Teresa class – they showed their talents of speaking to an audience brilliantly – well done!

Odd Sock Day

Thank you to all the staff and children who wore odd-socks to school on Thursday to highlight the importance of speaking up. In Mr Bacon's assembly on Monday the children have been thinking about how to make a noise about Bullying!



Loving God,
Jesus calls all of us his friends. He showed us how to live as friends by doing anything we can to care for others.
Help us to live his challenge to love one another, by putting aside unkind words, by never saying or doing anything that would hurt anyone else; by being an example of friendship and welcome with everyone, especially those who feel left out. Let us live in the love of Jesus as friends.
Amen.



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Update on school improvement projects

Following a busy summer, we thought it appropriate to bring the school community up to speed on our progress to achieve a carbon neutral footprint.

As you will no doubt be aware, in the month of August the school was transformed and a significant amount of work was undertaken to improve the fabric of the school. All internal modifications are now complete and we are pleased with changes to the dining hall, library and children's toilets.

We are also able to report that all the solar panels are in place and are connected to the grid and that the air source heat pump evaporator, compressor and pipework on the exterior of the building are all in place.

Due to the removal of some asbestos within the boiler room, there was a delay to the installation of the condenser and decommissioning of the school's existing gas boiler. This was not a problem as we were able to agree with GroundSun, the supplier, that this work could be concluded in the Autumn holiday. Unfortunately, GroundSun have gone into liquidation so the project has had to be postponed until the liquidators can release the remaining assets that belong to the school. Once we have a confirmed date for the final installation we will let you know.

Fortunately for the school, as part of the gas boiler decommissioning process the gas boiler had to be drained, serviced and fired up and since this the school's heating has been working better than ever!

Update from the IEB

The IEB met on Wednesday evening. The focus was on resources. Discussions covered the Salix project, staffing and budget matters as well as reviewing various policies.

Away from board meetings, we have been engaging with parents and community members about positively promoting the school and are really grateful for the support we've received. We hope you will start to notice the difference as we endeavour to raise the profile of the school in the town. All offers of help and ideas are very welcome.

While we are some way off from establishing the new governing board, we are starting to get enquiries from potential foundation governors. This is really heartening. At some point next year we hope to look at running elections for parent governors. So, if you are interested, do please get in touch with the chair at kirstymartin@st-josephs-malmsbury.wilts.sch.uk to discuss what being a parent governor entails and please point any other potential foundation governors in the same direction.

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: On Thursday we made a Mega Chocolate Cake! The children followed all of the instructions and worked together to make this exquisite cake.



St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson:

This week our WOW moment has been our PE lesson where we started our dance topic. I

have been really

impressed with St Lawrence's attitude and enthusiasm when it came to dancing. They were very creative and really enjoyed learning new dance moves.

Jack said "I thought it was amazing, because I liked doing the dance move."

Sidney said "I thought it was really fun to do some dancing."

Shania said "I thought it was amazing, it was fun to dance with other people."



St Francis

Miss Thomson: Our WOW moment this week was our Forest School session.

Leandra - "I enjoyed making the paints because it was different to anything I had done before!"

Aleki - "I liked playing hide-and-seek because I don't normally get to play hide-and-seek in such a big area, so it was great doing it on the land!"

Gabriella - "I enjoyed using the paints we made to paint because we got to paint anywhere we wanted to!"



St Scholastica

Our Year 6s have been having an amazing time on their residential trip to Kilvrough Manor this week. We look forward to sharing their experiences and photos in next week's newsletter.

11.30—2.30pm Sunday 26th November
VENUE St Joseph's School, Malmesbury

St Aldhelm's parish are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to your children for an Advent preparation day with lots of games, arts and crafts on Sunday November 26th 2023 at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. The day will run from 11.30am to 2.30pm for children aged 4 to 11. We ask for a contribution of £10 per family.



This is also a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet children age 7+ in Year 3 and above who wish to commence First Holy Communion preparation (January to June 2024) and see again children from June 2023, or prior years' FHC groups.

If you would like to take part in this special preparation, please get in touch, ideally before Sunday 19th November 2023 (places will be on a first come first served basis). Please sign up with links below and provide registration details on the children's link as soon as possible as places are limited.

Sign Up LINKS

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAN__tAwF8NUM0ZTRjVUMUpMQjhWSVE0UTFWMTIJQzM4OC4u

<https://staldhelmsromancatholicc.flocknote.com/signup/143836>

The build up to Christmas has begun....!

There are lots of exciting events and activities taking place in school over the next few weeks. Please check diary dates and your Parentpay account for items where there is an associated cost.



Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
IS COMING, PEOPLE!
AND IT'S GOING TO BE EPIC!

Where: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

When: Wednesday 13th December

Other details: Donations via Parentpay

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR
Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (212890), Scotland (SC029570) and Isle of Man (179).

Save the date

Christmas
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 11:00AM - 1:30PM
BAZAAR

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Holloway Hill, Malmesbury SN16 9BB

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Parents and Friends Association
Registered Charity No: 1145152

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Christmas Holiday Club



We are delighted to confirm that our Opportunities Club will be open for holiday bookings on Thursday 21st December from 8am until 6pm and Friday 22nd December from 8am to 4pm. Booking forms are available on the school website or from the office. Places are limited so book early!

<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-holiday-clubs/>

Christmas Bazaar Raffle Ticket Reminder

3 books of raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest and only child of every family last week. Please return sold ticket stubs and cash, or any unsold tickets, to the office by Thursday 30th November. If you need more books then please get in touch. Thank you.

A Royal Letter!



We were deeply touched by your most kind and thoughtful message following our Coronation. We are enormously grateful to everyone who took part in the celebrations, and particularly appreciate that you so generously took the time to write to us on this very special occasion.

Charles *Camilla*

St Francis class were delighted to receive a card from King Charles and Queen Camilla this week, thanking the children for the letter they wrote congratulating their Royal Highnesses on the coronation in May.



ELSA Appeal

Mrs Webb is looking to update the seasonal display in her ELSA room and would like to use objects with a winter / snow theme. This might be cuddly polar bears, penguins, or winter snow globes. If you have any objects that you no longer need and would be happy to donate, please send them in with your child or drop them into the office. Thank you.



Weekly Attendance Monday 13th — Friday 17th November

St Teresa 91.3%

St Lawrence 95.9%

St Francis 95.6%

St Scholastica 98.2%

**“Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God.”
Pope Francis**



The Wednesday Word is available on our website. Follow the link below: <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/>

