



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 13th October 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



The Gospel this Sunday is again a parable where Jesus is trying to show that it makes no sense not to accept God's invitations to us. In this parable we hear the invitation given three times to different people. This shows us that God really wants us to join Him and that He welcomes everyone. Even if we don't feel that we are good enough, God wants us to accept His invitation anyway. I gave the children the challenge to say 'yes' to God by either; 1) Accept God's invitation to pray to Him; 2) Accept God's invitation to go to Mass; 3) Accept God's invitation to be a good friend; 4) Accept God's invitation to help those in need.

THANK YOU for your generous harvest festival donations which will be gratefully received by the Malmesbury food bank.



Morning routines at St. Joseph's are changing from 30th October 2023. Please see below.

Time	Activity	Expectation
8:30 – 8:40am	Children and parents on the playground	Parents may still drop at the gate if they wish but may also come onto the playground with their child for the 1 st 10 min
8:40 – 8:50am	A bell will ring to signal that children go into their class	Parents able to drop at gate or class door
8:50am	Class door closed, school gate closed and register taken	Office open at 8:50am

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Co-Headteacher Catch up with parents

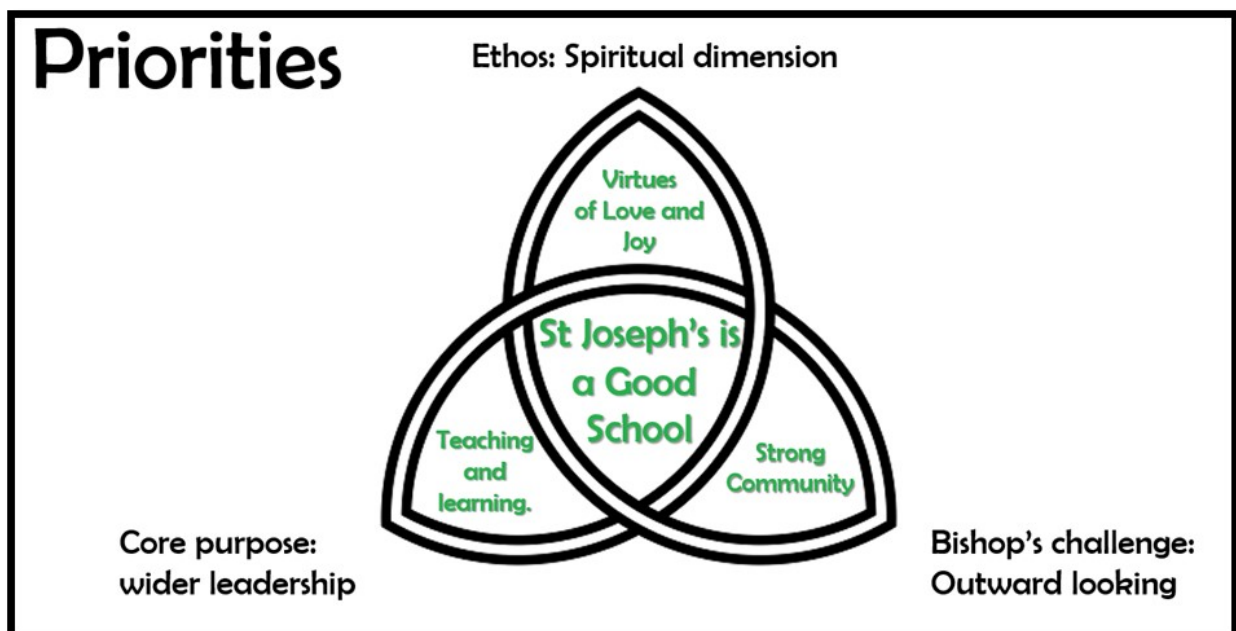
The next parent/co-head catch up will be **Wednesday 8th November 2:30pm** – Please join us.

Chaplaincy Commissioning

The Chaplaincy team were commissioned by Bishop Declan at St Peter and Paul Cathedral in Bristol on Thursday. Over 400 children, representing schools from across the diocese, were present. The Bishop directly spoke to all the chaplains, explaining to them how special they were and how they had an important role in our schools to be peace makers. Our children were amazing and we are very proud of them.



A **huge** thank you to the children and parents of St. Joseph's Primary who have welcomed us both into the community. We have enjoyed our first term with you all and hope that the key three areas, which were shared at that first Parent meeting, are beginning to be seen in action.



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October is the month dedicated to the Rosary.

Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that reflects upon the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and also on His Blessed Mother. As we repeat the familiar prayers, we allow our minds to think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on earth – a mystery.

There are four parts to the rosary, known as ‘mysteries’:

The Luminous Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries

The Joyful Mysteries



The prayers we say as part of this set begin with one **Our Father**, followed by **ten Hail Marys** and one **Gloria Be** to finish. We use the beads of the Rosary to keep track of our prayers!

The children may bring in a rosary from home each day for the next two weeks and they will have an opportunity to pray the rosary in class.

Update from the IEB

The IEB met last night and approved the minutes of the last meeting. These will be on the website shortly. Last night the focus was on resources although, as is the way with IEB meetings, additional topics were also discussed.

One area where we would like help from everyone is in increasing numbers on roll as this is vital for the sustainability of the school – we would welcome suggestions from parents and staff to assist with this, and we thank those who have offered help and support thus far. We’re setting up our first small working group with parents to look at promoting the school – with that in mind, if there are any good photographers among the parent community who might lend us their skills, we would be very appreciative. There is a lot to celebrate and we’d like to get some good pictures before we lose the weather completely.

Discussions last night covered budget monitoring, the next steps for the school decarbonisation programme and bids for funding to complete the work. During the summer a large number of lights were replaced with LED fittings as part of the refurbishment programme and we now want to try to replace the rest. We also want to see if we can get a fascia boards around the school renovated.

Members of the IEB will be meeting with staff after the half-term break and we will meet with the parent body when we have something concrete to share and discuss.

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: This week St Teresa had a visit from Amanda who is the owner of Barn Owl Books. She came to see our new library and to read a story. We all enjoyed it very much.



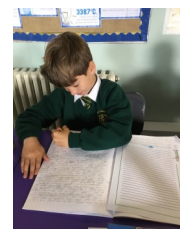
St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: This week St Lawrence's WOW moment has been toasting Marshmallows on a fire during our Forrest School session. All of St Lawrence really enjoyed having the opportunity to create their own skewer with potato peelers and then toast their marshmallows with them. Ivan - "It was really fun creating our skewers." Willow - "The marshmallows were really tasty!"

St Francis

Miss Thomson:

Leighton - "I loved PE with Mr T! I enjoyed practising my rugby passes."



George - "My wow moment was writing, its quite exciting because we can create any dream we want."



Belle - "I enjoyed maths because I'm learning how to carry over in column addition."

St Scholastica

Miss Austin: In St Scholastica, we have two favourite moments this week! We have been studying the text 'The Switch,' where the protagonist has unfortunate parents. In reading, we all had to imagine ourselves as the character's mum and write a diary entry for how she would react to stepping in a muddy puddle. Reading them out, we were impressed with both our English skills and at how hilarious they were to listen to! Secondly, we have also been reading Rose Blanche. To aid our descriptions and empathy to the characters, we took a photo to mirror one of the illustrations. I have loved getting to know Mr Heavey's class and can't wait to return after the half term break!

Weekly Attendance Monday 2nd — Friday 6th October	
St Teresa 97.5%	St Lawrence 99%
St Francis 95.2%	St Scholastica 95.5%

ELSA Coffee and Chat

We are welcoming parents to come along and meet with our school ELSA, Mrs Hanna Webb, on **Tuesday 31st Oct at 2.30-3.15pm**. Hanna looks forward to catching up with parents and wishes you all a good half term.

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to accept the invitation to His feast, which is free." Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

Follow the link below: <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/>





YEAR 5/6 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT MINETY RFC

Another fantastic tournament and, just like our year 3/4 last week, I couldn't be more proud of each and everyone of the players who took part today.



A total of 15 teams at this event and some very competitive matches! All children put 100% effort into their games and win, lose or draw they kept going, supporting each other and smiling throughout. Some challenges to contend with regarding results and decisions but they all showed such great sportsmanship and resilience throughout the tournament. Team A won their group and got through to the semi finals narrowly missing out in a place in the final with a close 1:0 defeat.



The afternoon ended with the traditional hot dogs provided by Minety RFC.



Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported this tournament. Well done to all the children who participated - you were all amazing. Plenty more sporting events after half-term to look forward to! Thanks again, Mrs Bennett.

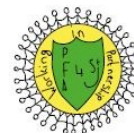
Oasis Concert, Malmesbury Abbey

We were lucky to be able to bring the whole school to the concert and they sang Come and Journey with Me. Violinists Michael Bochmann MBE and his student Jessica Dugard played pieces by Handel, Bartok and Stravinsky for the children to enjoy. The choir sang Let's Go Fly a Kite, The Skye Boat Song and Do-Re-Mi. It was a real privilege to be accompanied by Michael and Jessica, something to remember forever. Our St Joseph's children did us proud with fabulous singing and wonderful behaviour!



Upcoming Events

On Monday 30th October the School Council and PFA will be having a cake sale to raise money for the school.



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

The always popular Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 2nd December from 11am until 1.30pm.

Look out for more information about both of these events in your child's book bag today, including an exciting opportunity to design the Christmas Bazaar poster.

Diary Dates Term 1

Monday 16 th	Staff Development Day. School closed for children
Tuesday 17 th	Staff Development Day. School closed for children
Wednesday 18 th	Staff Development Day. School closed for children

Please remember to book school lunches a full 7 days in advance of 30th October.

We cook to order and cannot provide a meal unless it is booked.

Thursday 19 th	School Holiday starts
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Term 2

Monday 30th	Term 2. Children return to school.
Monday 30th	Sporting afterschool clubs continue. No need to re-register. KS2 clubs full. Spaces available in KS1 clubs https://forms.office.com/e/CR1fFV1YXs
Tuesday 31st	Deadline to apply for a SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

November

Thursday 2nd	Year 5&6 Football for selected children. Redbull Pitches, 4pm pick up.
Tuesday 7th	Parent Evening appointments 3.30pm—6.30pm booking system to follow St Scholastica swimming resumes. Look out for payment item for Term 2 on Parentpay
Thursday 9th	Parent Evening appointments 3.30pm—6.00pm booking system to follow
Thursday 9th	Y3&4 TOPS multi sports Festival for selected children. Link to follow.
Friday 10th	School Photographs—Individual and with siblings follow link to book NON school sibling Photographs. ALL children in school will have their photo taken. This link is for NON school older or younger siblings. https://forms.office.com/e/cpWzAWbTJx

Mon 13th-Fri 17th	Kilvrough Manor Residential Yr6. Please ensure all payments are up to date.
Thursday 16th	Fun Socks day—supporting Anti—Bullying week
Thursday 29th	Flu vaccination booking needs to be completed by today. https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts

December

Saturday 2nd	Christmas Bazaar—support the PFA and come join the fun!
Monday 4th	Flu vaccinations—whole school. Must have prebooked via link by the deadline
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings!! Available to book now on Parentpay.



Permission links—In case you missed them. Please cut and paste the entire link into your browser

St Francis Class—Bristol Museum 3rd November

<https://forms.office.com/e/hcu2DB4bi3>

School Photographer—NON SCHOOL sibling photo appointments from 8.30am 9th November

<https://forms.office.com/e/cpWzAWbTJx>

KS1 After school sports clubs. Spaces available

<https://forms.office.com/e/CR1fFV1YXs>

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