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Saint Patrick's Newsletter (for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners) Week ending Friday 12th July

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

I cannot quite believe this is the penultimate letter of the school year! Please read on to find out the latest news from our school and your child/ren's classes...

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be 96%, and this week our whole school attendance has been 92%. If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the school office and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. Please remember to inform the School Office if your child is not attending school and to give a reason for their absence, for our records. **The Department for Education has published revised guidance, which comes into effect from August 2024.**



Please see our separate email which will be sent out to all families, highlighting the changes to procedures and penalties.

WHATSAPP PARENT SAFETY GUIDE – WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world and although the guidance says that, **'You must be at least 13 years old to register for and use WhatsApp'**, research has found that children from Year 3 upwards are using it with very little understanding of what safety features are available. Internet Matters has a great guide for parents about privacy settings, where to get support and more. <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/> **Please ensure you know the apps your child is using and monitor these regularly, for their safety.**



CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 – It was so lovely to be part of Grace and Orlando's First Holy Communion in June. This is such a special time for both of these children and their families, and an important part of their faith journey. Myself and the staff who attended, felt very privileged to be included in their day, and they both looked gorgeous and very proud. We celebrated them as a whole school on Monday, when spoke about their preparation for First Holy Communion, the day itself and what this means to them. We know you will all join us in sending our love and prayers to both children.



LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM– Key Stage Two were excited this week to listen and learn about Islam, from none other than our very own Zafirah! Zafirah led our weekly Celebration of the Word where she spoke about her life, her faith, as well as the key beliefs as a Muslim. We learnt about the Five pillars of Islam and she brought in a beautifully ornate prayer mat for us to look at. It was a real treat for Zafirah to take time to teach us about Islam and answer our questions.

FATHER MICHAEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDAINED MINISTRY – Today, 12th July, Father Michael is celebrating 40 years of ordained ministry. As a school we are sending our congratulations, love and prayers to Father Michael on his wonderful day. To mark this milestone in Father's ministry, both parishes are having a small celebration after the 9am Mass in Corsham and the 11am Mass in Chippenham on Sunday 14th July. All are welcome to attend.



ENRICHMENT

SAINT PATRICK'S MINI OLYMPICS – Last week, all classes enjoyed a taste of some Olympic events, in preparation for the Paris Olympics 2024. The children took part in the hurdles, obstacle races (becoming part of the Pentathlon in Los Angeles 2028), soft archery, javelin and although not officially an Olympic sport yet, the egg and spoon race. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and there were lots of positive comments afterwards! We may have some future Olympians amongst us!



Mr Turnbull, PE Subject Leader



CORSHAM CLUSTER CRICKET – Recently, Year 4 Cricketers participated in the Corsham Cluster Year 3/Year 4 tournament in the beautiful Corsham Cricket Club. Out of the 5 teams who took part, Saint Patrick's finished in 2nd position, earning silver medals and proud smiles all round! The communication amongst ours team while fielding was super, our catching was absolutely amazing and our batting was solid. The sun even shone - what an amazing experience!

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YEAR 4 STORYTOWN RECITAL – Recently, Year 4 embraced their inner poets to take part in the Corsham Story Town recital with Heywood Prep. The children used their oracy skills to learn and perform a fabulous rendition of 'The Hope-o-Potamus' by Greg James and Chris Smith, a story of one hippo's journey to find water. Marnie from Corsham Story Town helped us to create powerful freeze frames to go alongside the poem which all came together to tell this story of not giving up hope, even when things get hard. It was lovely to share this recital with so many of the Year 4 parents and as a school, we were incredibly proud of them all. Well done Year 4!

Mrs Henry-Chapman Year 4 Teacher

KEY STAGE 2 'GO FOR GOLD' – On Thursday Key Stage 2 treated us all to an amazing performance linked closely to the Paris 2024 Olympics. For those who did not see the play here is a synopsis...a top athlete (Suzie Swift) is reported to be pulling out of the Olympic games due to lack of sponsorship. Her trainer and her comical family are discussing the ins and outs of doing the games when Phil mentions how the games started in Ancient Greece and talks about some of the great heroes of those Olympics. There is a flashback to Ancient Greece (where the games began) with a truce from all fighting between states by the order of Zeus. Key Stage 2 were very excited to perform their production to us all, which included dancing cows and a rapping Zeus! Well done to everyone who took part, the staff for all their work on the preparation of the production and parents for some wonderful costumes.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

WOODWIND LESSONS – Mrs Holden is delighted to be able to offer pupils the opportunity to learn a woodwind instrument and join her timetable in September 2024. This includes lesson on recorder, fife, flute, clarinet, saxophone, and oboe. If you would like more details, please get in touch with Sophie Holden, our woodwind teacher as soon as possible sophieholden3@gmail.com. Learning to play a musical instrument is a wonderful experience. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, bolster mental health, and develop new skills which support and compliment academic study. Pupils can learn individually or in a group, with lesson prices starting at £5.67. Pupils can hire instruments and, where available, can apply for subsidy. Please contact Mrs Holden for further information.



PTFA SUMMER EVENING TONIGHT! - Many thanks in advance to our fabulous PTFA and parents for all of the planning and work which has gone into tonight's event. We all know how important these events are in supporting school funds, but they are also wonderful times to bring our community together and have fun! There will be live music, a BBQ, lawn games, a raffle and much more. We hope to see many of you there!

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 15th July	School Attendance Officer in school to meet with parents
Tues. 16th July	Year 5 visit The Corsham School 2.30pm Drumming Assembly by Mr Krishnamma-Hillier our new Drum Tutor
Thurs. 18th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly @ 2pm
Fri. 19th July	Celebration of the Word – invited parents
Tues. 23rd July	Last day of school year Year 6 Afternoon Tea @ 3.15pm
Future Dates...	
TD Days – Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September	
Wednesday 4 th September – First Day of new school year	

INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25

Mon. 2nd September 2024

Tues. 3rd September 2024

Mon. 2nd June 2025

Tues. 3rd June 2025

Wed. 4th June 2025

Have a lovely weekend and see you tonight at the PTFA Summer Evening!

Jennie Courtney

Headteacher

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

GLASTONBURY pilgrimage

Sunday 14 July 2024

THE ROSARY PROCESSION

*starting in the Abbey grounds
at 2.15pm, walking through
Glastonbury Town Centre,
returning to the Abbey via
the Magdclene Street Gate*



MARY

WOMAN OF PRAYER

2024 Programme

ST MARY'S CHURCH

11.30am Rosary

12noon Exposition

Adoration

Sacrament of
Reconciliation

3.00pm Benediction

ABBEY GROUNDS

12noon - 3.00pm

GLASTONBURY ABBEY

Healing Prayer

2.15pm

ROSARY PROCESSION

from the Abbey grounds

3.30pm

MASS in the Abbey

grounds celebrated by

Bishop Bosco MacDonald

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