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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Welcome back to the start of our summer term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

We have an exciting, fun-filled and jam packed 12 weeks, before we reach the summer holidays, with lots to look forward to along the way. Please take time to note the key events for this term, which are shared later in this newsletter. You can also subscribe to our online calendar via the school website to help you stay up to date with what's happening.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead.

As you are aware our Nursery extension project has commenced this week and is now underway. This is an exciting time for us as a school community and having a designated space for our pre school children will have a huge impact on our school community.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you all.



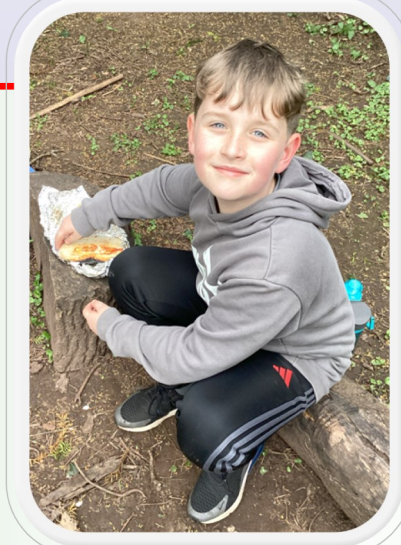
Before



Year 6 had a fantastic time at Forest School on Tuesday, taking their learning outdoors and working brilliantly as a team. One of the first activities was shelter building, where the children used tarpaulin, rope, and branches to design and construct their own group shelters, solving problems such as tying knots, keeping structures stable, and making them as waterproof as possible.

They also enjoyed preparing their own pizza pockets, choosing from ingredients like tomato sauce, cheese, and vegetables, before cooking them on the hot embers of the fire and eating them warm in the fresh air. To finish the day, everyone gathered around the fire to make s'mores—marshmallows toasted until soft and golden, sandwiched with chocolate and biscuits for a delicious treat.

Forest School with Year 6 is about more than the fun activities; it helps to build confidence, encourage teamwork, and create lasting memories in the outdoors.







Children in Cooking Club had a fantastic time this week making their own pizza pockets. They carefully prepared the dough, added tomato sauce and a choice of toppings, then folded and sealed their creations before baking them. The children were very proud of their finished pizza pockets and enjoyed tasting the results of their hard work, while also developing confidence and independence in the kitchen.





This week in Art Club, the children made a lovely relaxed start to the new term. They have begun an exciting new project, creating their own toadstool gardens, and are already showing great creativity and imagination. Alongside this, the children also enjoyed some mindful colouring using the light boxes, which provided a calm and focused activity.

It has been a wonderful, peaceful start, and we are looking forward to seeing their projects develop over the coming weeks.





A message from Mrs Bennett...

Forest School Club was full of adventure this week! We enjoyed an exciting scavenger hunt, searching for natural treasures and fascinating insects. The children also loved making delicious pizza pockets and had a fantastic time exploring the school woods—tree climbing was a definite highlight!





Welcome to our Nursery



The children have loved watching all the diggers start work on our new building this week!

They have enjoyed spending time in the reception garden and at forest school.

We have been reading the story 'The ugly five' and making animal footprints in paint.





Our Reception class have been busy getting stuck straight back into their learning. They have been creating beautiful collages inspired by Megan Coyle, designing their own sunny landscapes.

The children carefully selected colours and textures from magazines before cutting and ripping different pieces, then thoughtfully ar-

ranging and sticking them to bring their ideas to life. This process encouraged them to make creative choices and explore how materials can be used in different ways.







**COMING
NEXT
WEEK**
at St Joseph's

Next **Wednesday 22nd April** after school, our School Council will be holding a toy sale on the playground. Please come along and support us as we fundraise for new playground equipment. We look forward to welcoming everyone and thank you for your continued support.



TOY SALE
AT ST
JOSEPH'S



Wednesday 22nd April

Come and grab a bargain at our Toy Sale! Pre-loved toys, games and books looking for a new home.

Time: 3:15pm – 4:30pm
Place: Playground

All proceeds support St Joseph's Primary.



Hosted by the School Council



Bounceathon Fundraiser

We are delighted that our Bounceathon raised £708.05—thanks to everyone who made this a success!



On **Thursday 23rd April** we will be celebrating St George's Day here in school. On this day we will be celebrating whole school Mass in the morning followed by a fun filled day of activities from baking scones, to taking part in a design a dragon competition and reenacting the story of St George and the dragon as part of a short play.



From 23rd—27th April some of our Year 5 will be completing their bike ability course here in school.

They will need a bike that is in roadworthy condition and a bike helmet.

The children can bring their bikes in to school from 23rd April and are welcome to leave them at school as they won't all be able to do the course on the same day. They will need to come to school in their uniform and bring suitable clothing to change into.

FSJ NEWS!



Join us for a fun-filled Family Bingo Event next **Friday 24th April** here at school. Families are warmly invited to come along for an evening of laughter, friendly competition and prize-winning bingo suitable for all ages. There will be refreshments available to buy on the night. Further details about times and tickets have been sent to parents via email.

We hope to see lots of you there!



As part of our commitment to the Healthy Schools initiative, we would like to remind all families that chocolate, cakes, biscuits and sugary drinks should not be included in pupils' packed lunches.

We ask for your support in promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging children to make healthier food choices. A balanced, nutritious diet supports pupils' concentration, energy levels and overall wellbeing, helping them to engage positively in their learning.

TURKEY AND PEPPER PITTAS

HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACK IDEAS

Fruit, veg sticks, cheese, crackers



INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 200g [turkey breast steak](#)
cut into strips
- 1 red and 1 yellow pepper
deseeded and cut into
strips
- 3 [spring onions](#)
trimmed and sliced
- 1 [avocado](#)
stoned, peeled and sliced
- handful coriander leaves
- 2 whole meal pitta breads

METHOD

step 1

Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan and fry the turkey for 5-6 mins. Add the peppers and spring onions and stir-fry until the turkey is cooked but the peppers still have crunch. Season.

step 2

Divide the avocado and coriander between the pitta halves, then spoon in the turkey and pepper mix. Add a dollop of soured cream to each and serve straight away.



We kindly ask that families do not send in homemade cakes or treats for birthday celebrations in school. With homemade items, we are not able to see exactly which ingredients have been used or the quantities of certain ingredients, which is especially important for children with specific medical or dietary needs. In particular, we must be able to identify and calculate the amount of certain carbohydrates for pupils with medical conditions.

Shop-bought cakes and treats for celebrations are absolutely fine, as long as they are in their original packaging. These items are clearly labelled, allowing us to see a full ingredients list and the weight of specific carbohydrates so that we can keep all children safe and well supported.



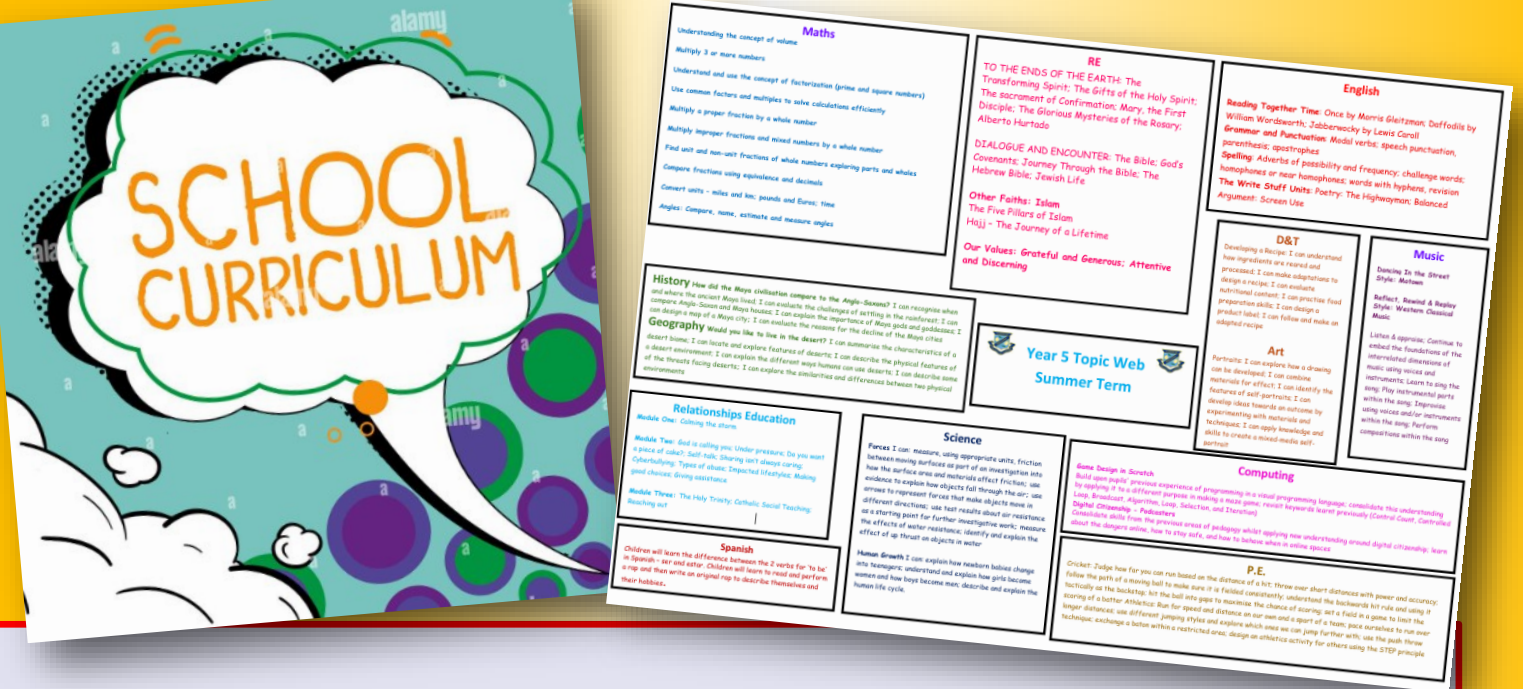
Our next Parent Voice meeting will take place on Thursday next week. If you have any ideas, suggestions or queries you would like to be added to the agenda, please speak with your class representative or email the school office. This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and help us continue to improve our school for all children and families.



Our summer uniform cardigans are available to order at the school office.

If your child needs one, please contact Mrs Baker.

Just a reminder that summer cardigans are light blue and embroidered with the school logo



A message from Miss Steiner...

As always, we are keen for learning links between home and school to be strong and for you to be fully aware of all that the children will be covering in their Summer Term lessons. In order to make sure that this is the case, we have a number of useful documents for you to look at. These will also enable you to support the children at home and provide the basis for conversations, library visits and other out-of-school activities!

Our Whole School Curriculum Overview document shows all of the learning that happens across the year groups, in every subject (except for maths and English); it's a good place to see the progression that takes place as children move through the year groups

Each class has a Topic Web document that clearly shows the areas of learning within every subject for that year group; this is a great place to start if you're looking for ideas for books or visits that could support your child's learning this term

Knowledge Organisers are provided for each class for history, geography, science and RE and these are a very useful way to prepare your child for the learning that is coming; read through these together at the start of the summer term and familiarise your child with key words and concepts that will support their understanding in lessons

All of these documents are available on the class pages of our school website - and posted on our online learning platform— Evidence Me.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your children make the best possible progress with their learning.

A message from Miss Sprawson...

Our running club kicked off its first session with great enthusiasm as we began our journey towards completing a 5K!

The children demonstrated fantastic effort throughout, showing determination and a positive attitude as they followed the training programme brilliantly. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and embracing the challenge.

To round off the session, we enjoyed some delicious healthy fruit, giving everyone a well-earned boost after their hard work. We are incredibly proud of how the group started and can't wait to see their progress in the next session!

Runner of the week: Andrew!





Summer Term Begins

Thursday 23rd April	Beginning of Term Mass and St George's Day
Friday 24th April	Family Bingo Night (FSJ)
Thursday 23rd—27th April	Year 5 Bike Ability
Friday 1st May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Wednesday 6th May	Year 2 trip to Eastnor Pottery Barn
Friday 8th May—Saturday 9th May	Year 3 The Big School Camp Over
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 18th May	Class photos and leavers photos
Tuesday 19th May	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Tuesday 19th May	Road Safety Training years 3 and 6
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May	Year 4 London Residential
Thursday 21st May	Reception Class visit Noah's Ark Farm
Friday 22nd May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half term

Friday 5th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 8th June	Year 1 phonics screening check
Monday 8th June	Year 6 Art Project
Tuesday 9th June	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Thursday 11th June	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 12th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Year 3/ Cricket Festival
Friday 19th June	Whole school Summer Music Concert
Monday 22nd June	Year 5/6 Cricket festival
Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th June	Year 5 and 6 Residential to Disneyland Paris
Wednesday 24th June	Year 1 trip to Cattle Country
Tuesday 30th June	New Reception class family picnic @ 1:30pm
Thursday 2nd July	Future Naturalists Day
Friday 3rd July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 6th July	Dress rehearsal for Fiddler on the Roof performance – Monmouth Savoy
Tuesday 7th July	Fiddler on the Roof performance – Monmouth Savoy 6pm
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 10th July	Nursery Graduation
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Surprise Trip!
Monday 13th July	Whole school Colour Run
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 14th July	End of Summer Term



**Parent Carer
Voice**
HEREFORDSHIRE

**Parent Carer Voice
Drop in Chat Session
at
Ross Children's Centre
Ryefield**

**Ross on Wye
Wednesday
29th April
3rd June
1st July**

12.30 till 2.30

**This is an open session so that we can
chat freely about all different topics .**



WYE	98.4%
AMAZON	93.5%
DANUBE	97.4%
TIBER	96%
THAMES	89.29%
AVON	95.42%
SEINE	88.26%

**We are looking forward to our
Year 3 Camp Over experience in
a few weeks time!**

**Please can all places be booked
via parent pay by next Friday
24th April.**

Many thanks.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Glavnenska for completing her Level 2 CACHE in Early Years. We are all very proud of your achievement! And now she has enrolled on to her Level 3!

Well done from all of us!



Wraparound Care & Clubs – Booking Update

A quick reminder that all wraparound care and after-school clubs should now be booked in advance via ParentPay.

Booking deadlines:

Breakfast Club: by 4:00pm the day before

After School Club: by 2:00pm on the day

Activity Club: in advance of the club start date for that term

To book, simply log in to ParentPay, head to the “Payer Dashboard,” select your child, and click on “Clubs.”

If you’re using the Government Childcare Scheme, please make sure funds are added in advance and send a quick email to the office to confirm your payment.

If you have any questions or need a hand, the school office will be happy to help!

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

