

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

20/9/24

Dear Family,

We've had a very busy week in school, with lots going on as always.

We are really pleased to inform you that on Wednesday of this week we successfully completed our OFSTED registration visit for our new baby room. This means that when we return from the October half term we will be welcoming 0-2 year old's in to our setting. This is really exciting for us and we look forward to this new addition!

We also welcomed our Religious Education Advisor this week, who completes half termly visits to support us in enhancing the Catholic Life of our school and our Religious Education programme. During her visit we focused on our new RE scheme—'The Vine and the Branches' and the progression of skills and knowledge that build up throughout the year groups and how we are going to assess these consistently.

We will be hosting a parent information session all about our new scheme during the Autumn term. We look forward to welcoming parents to this.

Next Thursday we will be celebrating beginning of term Mass here in school with Father Nick. All parents and parishioners are welcome to join us.

Thank you to those who completed our Homework survey, we received a good response. We will share the outcomes with you soon.

The Vine and the Branches



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LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

This week, Swift Class learnt all about St. Francis as part of our values work this term. They showed great curiosity about who St. Francis was and what he did in his life to become a Saint. We discovered that St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the children shared their favourite animals. The children then helped to create their own 'Little Saint Francis' using junk modelling.



As part of their 'Animals' topic in Science, Abba class have been learning about the difference between amphibians and reptiles. They looked closely at their features and then used clay to make their own.

Super creative work everyone!



REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

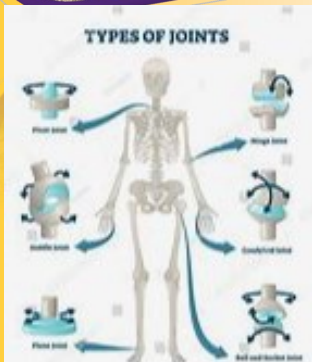
Joy Clouston



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

A MESSAGE FROM MR BRAIN....

In Science this week Zimmer Class (Year 3) have been learning about how our muscles move our skeleton. We had a class discussion about the different joints in our bodies and how they move. We found out that the elbow joint is different to the shoulder joint. We then went outside to flex our muscles to see if we could feel our muscles moving our skeletons.





COMPETITION TIME!

ON 26TH SEPTEMBER WE ARE CELEBRATING EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY.

THEREFORE, THE EAL TEAM WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE AN ART COMPETITION ENTITLED:

'I LOVE MY MOTHER TONGUE BECAUSE...'

WHO CAN TAKE PART: ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

FORMAT: A4 PAPER

SUBMISSION DATE: 24TH SEPTEMBER

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY.

THE AIM OF THIS COMPETITION IS TO ENCOURAGE US TO THINK ABOUT WHY OUR MOTHER TONGUES ARE IMPORTANT AND HOW WE CAN EXPRESS THIS THROUGH ART.

PLEASE POST CHILDREN'S WORK WITH ENCLOSED INFORMATION ABOUT THE NAME OF THE CHILD, WHAT YEAR SHE/HE IS IN, AND THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL TO:

SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS TEAM
HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
PLOUGH LANE OFFICES
HEREFORD
HR4 0LE

This week Alisha Class (year 4) have been diving deeper in their History topic 'How children have changed over time?'. They have been re-searching through a variety of different sources how children's leisure time has changed across different time periods in Britain. Through analysing leisure time during the Tudor, Victorian and Modern time, they could make comparisons by identifying the similarities and differences across the ages and record them using Venn diagrams. Ask the children what they know about Lord Shaftesbury, as they understand how significant changes that happened for children during the Victorian time was a result of his charitable work.



Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler....

This week at Cooking Club, the children made their own pitta bread pizzas. They first started by spreading on tomato puree before adding a selection of their favourite toppings, including ham, sweetcorn, peppers and of course, cheese! We then popped them into the oven to bake. We were so excited to eat our pizzas!



Gardening Club



A message from Mrs Hodges..

In Gardening Club this week we sowed some lettuce seeds to grow in the greenhouse for an autumn crop. We sorted through the bulbs we had stored after lifting in summer and cleaned them up ready to start planting next week! We planted some fritillary bulbs in a pot today to go in our wildflower garden.

Over the summer, Roy and I visited Pengethley garden centre and used some of the vouchers we earned from the RHS

to purchase a pond

liner ready for our wildlife pond project that the children will be designing together. We were so pleased to find out we have now been awarded our level 4 gardening award which came with another beautiful book, more seeds and more vouchers which will come in very handy for our future plans! Roy has made a start on clearing the pots at the front of the school ready for us to get creative!





HOUSE CAPTAINS

2024-25

Congratulations to our new Year 6 House Captains who were elected this week. We look forward to you leading your Houses in various tournaments throughout this school year.



ST FRANCIS



ST MARY'S



ST JOSEPH



ST VINCENT D'PAUL

PARENT WORKSHOP



On Wednesday Mrs Murray and Miss Sadler held a phonics workshop for parents. Thank you to those who were able to attend. If you were not able to attend please follow the link below to access the information provided in this workshop.



We are looking for parent volunteers to come in during the lunchtimes and help assist the children when they eat their lunch, playing games and be on hand to help out. If you are able to give your time this would be greatly appreciated.

Please note, St Joseph's School and Nursery is committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All volunteers will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check and further pre-checks will be conducted in accordance with KCSIE.

Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.

TURN UP TUESDAY

On Tuesday, Sammy Powell from SENDIASS visited St Joseph's for our 'Turn up Tuesday' SEND event to discuss how the service supports parents and carers in Herefordshire. SENDIASS have a dedicated team of advisors offering legally-based and easily accessible information and advice about SEND. They support parents, carers, children and young people and their service is impartial and confidential. If you'd like us to send out the information she discussed, please contact the school office and it can be arranged. Thank you to the families that came, it was lovely to chat, eat cake, drink tea and learn more about the SEND services in Herefordshire!

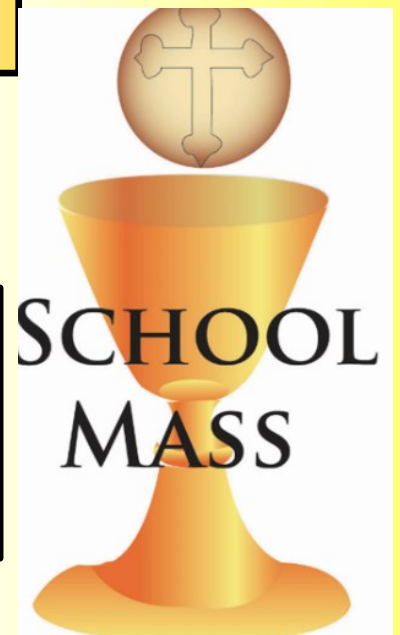




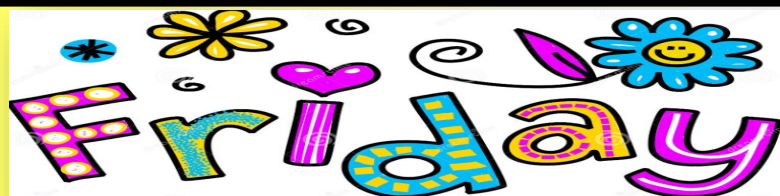
On Tuesday 24th September, Fantasia Class (year 2) will be venturing to the Community Gardens in the afternoon. They will be leaving school after lunch and returning in time for the end of the school day. They can bring in some old, comfortable clothes to change into and a pair of wellington boots.



Next Wednesday 25th September, Mrs Murray will be leading a Kinteract workshop for all parents. Kinteract is our online learning platform and all homework and teacher, parents communication takes place via this portal. Please join us in Mrs Murray's classroom straight after school.



Next Thursday 26th September, we will be celebrating beginning of term Mass with Father Nick and parishioners of St Frances of Rome, here in school at 10am. All parents are warmly welcome to join us.



On Friday the 27th of September two teams will be representing the school in a Tag Rugby tournament at Ross on Wye RFC. This will be a fantastic event where we can compete with other schools and use what we have been learning in our PE lessons to practice. Later in the sport diary we have the School Games Values Festival on Tuesday the 8th of October at Hereford Leisure Centre. Many of our wonderful KS2 chil-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2025-2026

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2025
(to commence September 2025)

Applications can be completed from
16 September 2024 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

**NURSERY IN ACTION THIS
WEEK**
**A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO**

We have been making the most of the nice weather in Nursery this week - Making sandcastles in the sandpit, making a 'family dinner' in the mud kitchen and fishing in the water!

The Oakleaves have been practicing their counting to 5 and beyond with the miniature dolls.



STAR OF THE WEEK IS
Charlie for being kind to his
friends and good listening in
P.E





Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st October	Year 3 Community Gardens Visit PM
Tuesday 8th October	Turn up Tuesday with Mrs Gurney – School nurse visiting @ 1:30pm
Monday 7 th October	Harvest Assembly @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 8th October	Year 4 Community Gardens Visit PM
Thursday 10 th October	School Photo Day
Tuesday 15th October	Year 5 Community Gardens Visit PM
Friday 25 th October	FSJ Pumpkin Party
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term



SWIFTIES	98%
ABBA	98%
FANTASIA	94%
ZIMMER	96%
ALISHA	100%
MIRANDA	99%
SHEERIOS	94%

Calling all parents!

Are you able to help the school and become a member of our FSJ(Friends of St Joseph's), helping to coordinate school events to raise money for the school, that benefits our children. Please email the school office if you would like to know more.



Mathemagician!



Pot of Gold



Benji Illyana, Kevin,
Lahna
Ozi, Josh., Charlie,
Phoebe B,
Norrie, Defne, Kevin
and Zelda



Enjoy your weekend.
God Bless

Mrs Francis

