



Easter 2018

St Rose's Newsletter



St. Rose's
Inspiring Education, Therapy & Care

Easter is nearly upon us which is really hard to believe considering the weather conditions of late. Hopefully that is all behind us and we can look forward to some warm sunny days over the holiday period. Our value for the term has been compassion and the students have put this into practise by thinking about others. They have raised money for CAFOD by running a cafe and joined in Sport Relief, 'Roll a mile with a smile' – as ever smiles were in abundance.

The term has been busy as ever and the students and staff continue to work hard. The students enjoyed History Week which culminated in a 60's disco – great fun was had by all!

We were pleased to hear that we have received Autism Accreditation and my thanks go to Katherine Marchant who led us through the process.

Behind the scenes we have been preparing for the new General Data Protection regulations which come in to force in May – we will be in touch with you next term with regard to this.

Our Governors and Trustees have begun initial discussions with architects and are developing plans to make improvements to the residential areas on site. We will keep you informed as these progress.

I am pleased to let you know that we are now working with Jon Gibson who is an education consultant. He is working with the leadership team as our school improvement partner.

We are looking forward to our Easter Celebration when we will come together as a community to celebrate Easter. We look forward to being joined by parents, friends and governors so that we can share the Easter story together. My thanks go to all of you for your continued support and I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Sheila Talwar, Principal



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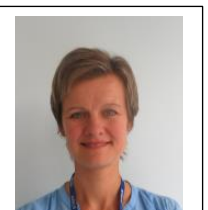
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We are delighted to announce that St Rose's has achieved Autism Accreditation which is an autism-specific quality assurance programme for those providing services to autistic people. Awarded by the National Autistic Society and recognised throughout the UK and across the world. It is a way for organisations to show they offer excellent support to autistic children and adults.

Achieving accreditation proves that St Rose's is committed to understanding autism and setting the standard for autism practice. Staff across the whole of St Rose's and St Martin's have worked extremely hard over the last 3 years towards this quality mark, reviewing and developing our practice and constantly striving to offer the very best nursery, school and college experience that we can. More information will follow soon but for now we'd like to celebrate the accreditation and say a huge 'thank you' to all of the students, staff and families who have contributed to this wonderful achievement. **Katherine Marchant,**

Lead Therapist & Speech and Language Therapist



Dates for your Diary:

2 nd April 2018	EASTER MONDAY (Bank Holiday)
3 rd – 13 th April 2018	EASTER HOLIDAY
16 th April 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY – STAFF ONLY
17 th April 2018	STUDENTS RETURN

Fundraising & Donations

Christmas Fayre – 2nd December

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December, and to those who helped.

Father Christmas made an appearance with his elf helpers, there were stalls selling Christmas crafts, refreshments, a tombola and raffle. All of this was made possible by the people who helped on the day and the total raised was £640.



Christmas Jumper Day - 15th December

There were some very bright and extravert jumpers worn on Christmas Jumper Day, the donations came to £75.15, this money has been donated to *Save the Children*.

Howard Beard Carol Singers

Once again this year Howard Beard sang Christmas carols with his troupe on Christmas Eve to raise £218.44 for St Rose's. Thank you to him and all of those involved.



Longfield Visit – 8th February

Frazer and Steph visited Longfield (Hospice care) on Thursday 8th February 2018.

Frazer organised a raffle at college in memory of his friend Ryan who sadly passed away earlier in the year. With help from his TA, Laura, he collected prizes from local businesses, family & friends & held a raffle. Frazer raised an amazing £591 and possibly more to come.

The fundraising and donations for St Rose's are being added to the pot of money ear-marked for the refurbishment of the 'Living Skills' classroom. So far there has been approximately £17,000 raised.

Rainbow Café – 21st March

A 'Rainbow Café' was held to fundraise for CAFOD. Drinks and homemade cakes were on sale giving the opportunity for everyone to relax for a while whilst raising money for a good cause.



Sport Relief – 23rd March

St Rose's held a 'Superstars walk' and 'Roll a mile with a smile' on Friday the 23rd March to raise donations towards Sport Relief. Superstar outfits were optional with a few students getting into the theme. Parents were welcome to join us for the event and there was a good turn-out.



Friends of St Rose's

The Dylan Cecil Memorial Fund

St Rose's are excited that the Dylan Cecil Memorial Fund have offered our families the opportunity to access fully funded holidays. The registered charity was set up in memory of his life.

The purpose of the charity is to relieve the needs of families or family members dealing with hardship such as ill-health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantages, by providing or assisting with the provision of respite holidays.

The holidays provided are located at three holiday parks in the Brean Sands or Burnham-on-Sea area of Somerset, where fully accessible accommodation is available. The holiday accommodation, transport and a week's worth of groceries will be provided. All recipients of the holiday will remain anonymous, unless of course they choose not to.

To benefit from what this opportunity offers you can be nominated by someone else or nominate yourself and your family.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas fund raising activities.

The Christmas Fayre raised £641.66. Carol singing at Tesco was a lovely event, supported by staff, friends, loyal supporters, students and parents. We collected £245.17 in 2 hours.

We are still raising money to update the 'Living Skills' room. Our next event is the Wheel Nuts Classic Car Show, which takes place on the 29th April 11am-4pm. Please support this event by visiting, offering a home-made cake to sell or by helping on the day.

If you are able to support us on the day by helping on a stall or with the big clear-up then please get in touch with me at St Rose's.

The next event after this is the Garden Fete on the 16th June.

Elaine Fernandez
Chair – Friends of St Rose's





e-Safety (or on-line safety) is a big topic in every school and home with the accessibility to technology and the internet being at everyone's fingertips.

e-Safety is an umbrella name for many different and diverse specialised topic areas, but is predominantly about safeguarding, specifically in regards to the use of technology and the behaviours when using that technology. It isn't scaremongering; it is about educating and empowering all users to enjoy the wonders that the internet and technology has to offer – safely!

To download a free newsletter or for more advice on e-Safety visit www.esafety-adviser.com

RE News

The Lent Mass, Core Value – Compassion, CAFOD visit, Donkey Service and Easter Celebration.

Held for all of St Rose's School on 27th February 2018, CAFOD visit 5th March 2018, Donkey Service 21st March 2018.
 Easter Celebration will be held on the 28th March 2018.

Lent Mass was a compassionate consideration and guide as to how our thoughts and actions can help others both near and far at this time. A chance for our whole family to come together, Trustees, Governors, parents, students, staff and Parish to spend time and share this special moment of reflection and celebration together as a whole, praising, praying and listening to the word of our God.

The team from CAFOD have also been to visit. Rose Gunning led an assembly about the 'Give it up' campaign and then some of the students joined in a learning session on what can be done to help the Environment. A huge thank you to all the families that have sent back CAFOD envelopes, and participated in the Rainbow Café and other things that have happened as part of our fund raising for CAFOD.

John- Henry, Isadora, and Amalie went on a trip led by Thomas C. to the Donkey Service on Wednesday 21st March at St Peter's Church Duntisbourne Abbots. A lovely tale of the donkeys involved in the parts of Jesus's life with real donkeys and other animals.

Our final event is our own Easter Celebration, where we will be hearing readings, prayers and singing hymns in celebration of the Risen Christ and his message to the world at this important time. We hope to welcome as many of this wonderful community that is St Rose's on this occasion.



Cheri Baxter Steel
 RE Lead

NURSERY NEWS

The first half term of 2018 just flew by. Lisa left for her maternity leave and gave birth to baby Samuel Joseph on Sunday 28th January, both are doing very well. Jo Neale is Acting Nursery Manager in Lisa's absence. Nicky who is a valuable member of the St Rose's nursery team joined us on in January, all the children have made her very welcome.

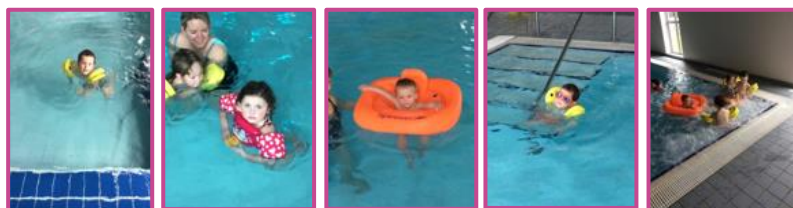
Nursery have had another great term getting to know the new children that joined us this term. At the beginning of term Harry and his grandfather brought in some furry visitors to meet the children in nursery. Harry had named one of his baby lambs after one of friends at Nursery, Dexter.



Everyone who wanted to, got a chance to stroke and feed the baby lambs and to meet Dexter the lamb! The lambs seemed to be very happy with all of the attention and milk they were given!

Helena brought in her orange juicer so the children could see where Orange Juice comes from.

They also had a go at squeezing out lemon juice. Some children guessed it would taste 'sour' and it did. Some children thought it tasted like 'snails'.



The children continue to develop their swimming skills and confidence in the pool on Wednesday afternoon swim sessions.

This term the book Handa's Surprise has been a popular choice. The book talks about lots of different fruit – Pineapple, Passion Fruit, Avocado, Guava, Mango, Satsuma and Banana. The children thought it would be a great idea to try some of these fruits at snack time but unfortunately could not find Guava so they tried Kiwi instead. The favourite was banana. We then all had a try to balance a basket of Satsumas on our heads – just like Handa does in the book



On Wednesday 21st March, the children went out for a nice surprise – A Treasure Hunt. The children looked at a map with the layout of the field on it and had to work out where the treasure was hidden. They found lots of lovely 'pirate treasure' including some chocolate coins!



Joanne Neale
Deputy Nursery Manager

SCHOOL NEWS



On Monday 5th February a theatre company visited school to deliver the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. The performance was enjoyed by the nursery, St Rose's School and St Martin's college.

The performance was music filled and fun packed and many of the students were riveted throughout the entire play. At one point staff were invited to join in with a medley of dances, which they did with the greatest reluctance and much to the amusement of the students and other staff. Jack's pantomime cow kept hiding and the children in nursery squealed with delight trying to point out where it was. Of course, it was 'behind you'. We all look forward to next year's high energy pantomime.

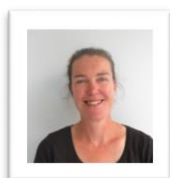
We had a lovely cold trip to Bourton on the Water to look at a range of birds from around the world. We also had a fantastic walk around Jurassic world to look at the dinosaurs. To finish we walked along the beautiful river back to the bus.



On the 19th to 23rd February we enjoyed 'History Week'. The focus this year was on local history. Students visited historical sites of interest including Gloucester Docks, the Mariners and the 'Museum in the Park', which contains an abundance of local history.

In class students investigated local foods such as Gloucester Old Spot pork, Stinking Bishop Cheese and the apples, pears and onions that form part of Gloucestershire's farming history. The students also examined local customs by watching videos of Gloucester Cheese Rolling, Tetbury Woolsack races and the Newent onion eating competition. In Living Skills lessons students made old local recipes such as Gloucester pancakes and Oldbury tarts.

The week was rounded off by a fun 60s disco on Friday afternoon, which was attended by all of St Rose's school and St Martin's college. Staff and students dressed up and had a fabulous time listening to staff talk about how the 60's wasn't really history because they could remember it!



Lea Anne Ewing
Class Teacher

ST MARTIN'S



The Curio Lounge in Stroud generously offered St Martin's and the staff the opportunity to go for lunch. The Curio lounge raised money through doing different events to fund this for us. We all had a great time and thank the Curio Lounge for this opportunity.



Rachel Gale
FE Tutor

WHAT'S ON IN 2018?



**WHEELNUTS –
MOTOR SHOW**
Sunday 29th April
2018
11.00am to 4.00pm



SUMMER FETE
Saturday 16th June 2018
1.00pm to 4.00pm

Please note that there are road works taking place between Gloucester and Stroud from Tuesday 10th April to Wednesday 23rd May. For more information please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-march-2018/major-road-improvement-scheme-en-route-for-a4173/>