



St Joseph's Newsletter 1



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Welcome Meetings

Welcome to all of the parents for whom this is your first newsletter. We have been pleased with how the youngest children have settled in during their part-time induction period. Most classes have now had their welcome meetings to inform you of systems and expectations in each class. If you did not manage to attend a meeting, please check the class pages on our website.

Funky Fridays

We have had a good start to this academic year. All of the children I have spoken to have been excited about their learning. They have particularly liked 'Funky Friday'. This half term the children in years 1-6 will be taught by a range of teachers on Fridays. Teachers will be teaching subjects that they have extra passion for and we hope that passion will be reflected in the exciting learning that the children enjoy. Please add to our feedback by emailing your class teacher with your comments.

Rugby World Cup

Today our Tag Rugby team have played in a 'Plymouth World Cup' at Plymouth Albion to mark the start of the Rugby World Cup. All schools involved represented a country and we were given England. The children received a special England kit designed by Maggie in year 6.



Parking

A gentle reminder to park your car considerately when at the school. Please do not block access in the lane at the front of the school or use residents' bays on Raglan Rd. The best idea is to park at Brickfields and enjoy a short walk. Even better would be to leave the car at home and walk, scoot or bike to school if you can.

Agents for Change



Reducing car journeys is one way of helping to save the planet. The children are well aware of Pope Francis's letter 'Laudato Si' where he asks the people of the world to look after the earth and



'to care for our common home'. Today there is a UN Climate Summit. It is expected that students all over the world will be campaigning today to raise awareness of climate change. We played our part by joining in with the 'Earth Song' initiative initiated by Torquay Grammar School pupils. They want as many schools as possible to sing their 'EarthSong' at break time on Friday. One particularly telling line from the song is, "There is no Planet B." The campaign was featured on BBC Spotlight on Monday evening.



The initiative has two goals. One is to raise awareness in young people of the issues their generation will face unless harmful habits are broken. Secondly they want signatures on a petition to the government to make them consider consulting with those too young to vote over issues such as climate change.

Links to the video of the song and the petition are below and on our website.

LINK to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCC0DIIEQSI>

LINK to Petition:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/272167>

Attendance and Punctuality

Every lesson in every day of school counts. It is important that your child attends regularly. Falling behind affects their emotional well being and confidence and being off school should be avoided as often as possible. Our attendance percentage so far this year is 97.6% which is great! Let's keep it like that!

Worship and Liturgy

We enjoyed a beautiful Opening of Year Mass, led by Father James and our wonderful year 6 readers.

Every Monday our school community join together for Liturgy and reflect on the Gospel reading that week. The children are tasked with carrying out the Gospel message in the week ahead. See if you can spot what it is!

