



NEWSLETTER



9/7/19

Summer Fair

Thank you to everybody who came along to our Summer Fair. Despite the wind ruling out the bouncy castle everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks are mainly due to the driving forces behind the Friends of St Joseph's, Amy and Cath. Their commitment helped us to raise over £1000 on the day which will be spent on your children in St Joseph's.

Staffing Changes

Unfortunately for us Mrs Yuill has decided to change career which will mean that she will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of term. She will continue to work with children but in a different capacity. She has been an integral part of the development of St Joseph's over the last five years and we will miss her very much. Mrs Nicholls will also be leaving us to have her baby and Mr Owen will be leaving after having stepped in temporarily to support us when Mr Dyson left. Thank you to both of them for showing such great dedication when asked to work with us on a short-term basis. I have already informed you of the appointment of Mrs Penman as our new Deputy Headteacher. I can also confirm the appointment of a new teacher, Miss Hill, who is joining us after teaching at St Peter's RC Primary for the last few years. She will be teaching in year 4. The teachers for other year groups will be:

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mrs Watts	Mrs Norton	Miss Lucas	Mr Langley	Miss Hill	Mrs Penman / Miss Melley	Mrs Spry

On Monday 15th the children will spend the morning in their new classroom with their new teacher. Unfortunately Mr Langley is unwell and will not be able to join us on that day but we expect him to be back with us in September.

Leavers' Mass

The year 6 children will have two Masses to attend to mark the end of their journey in a Catholic school. This Thursday they will join the other Catholic Primary Schools in Plymouth in a Mass at The Cathedral followed by pasties and cake! On Wednesday of the last week they will have their own Leavers' Mass in St Joseph's Church at 11.00. The rest of the school will attend this Mass also and parents are welcome to join us.

Attendance

Unfortunately we are not going to achieve our target of 96% attendance for the year. At present our rate is 95.2% and it is impossible to get to 96% at this late stage. There are a large number of children whose attendance has been very good this year. The table below shows how many children in each class had attendance of 98% or above, 99% or above and our fifteen 100% attenders. These sixty children will get a certificate and a little treat between now and the end of term.

Class	F	1	2	3	4	5	6
98%+	7	4	11	11	7	11	9
99%+	2	2	6	6	2	9	4
100%	1	1	4	1	1	3	4

Parking

I have been asked by a PCSO to ask parents not to park in the lane at the front of the school leading up to the police station. There is not enough room for delivery vehicles to pass parked cars in this narrow lane and access must always be available through the lane.