



St Joseph's Newsletter 2 - 2020



23rd October 2020



Worship and Liturgy – In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples and us two commandments for how we should live our lives. Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is and replies that the greatest and the first commandment is that we should love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind. Jesus wants us to treat other people as we would want to be treated, to make sure all people are treated fairly, and have what they need. We can all put our love into action to support our neighbours around the world and to help them get the things that they need.

Witnesses of Christ – this half term we ask the children to be witnesses of Christ by sharing things equally, praying for solutions to inequality, feeling grateful for what we have and getting involved in our Cafod Family Fast – Walk for Food Day.

Reading Tests

Many children did reading tests in the last week which showed remarkable progress. Compared to the results of similar tests taken in September the reading age of seventeen children went up by a year or more in seven weeks. Numerous others were not far off that level of progress too. Devonport Library is now open again.



Home Learning –



Don't Panic! There will be no home learning set for children during the half term holiday. As you probably know there have been a number of confirmed cases of Covid in Devonport this week and more people have been asked to self-isolate. If a child is self-isolating, but not so ill that they would not attend school, then schools must provide remote learning for each child to complete. This should equate to at least four hours of learning each day. Almost all lessons in school will be available on Google Classroom. Some children may be asked to access lessons from the national remote school provider 'Oak Academy'. The vast majority of children were able to access their learning through IT equipment during lockdown. If you know that your child will not be able to complete their work online please inform Ms Hawken in the office by emailing hawkenk@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk. If your family has any need to start self-isolation during the holiday please text the school mobile 07422938855.

Trainers



Some children are wearing trainers to school on days when they do not have PE. School shoes should be worn on these days. Trainers can only be worn on 'uniform days' if they are plain black with no signs, emblems or writing in other colours.


Punctuality – Thank you for adhering to the Covid guidance when dropping your children to school in the morning. The 8.40 am start for Key Stage 1 (Foundation, class 1 and class 2) children runs very smoothly and most parents are off the site again by 8.45am. This has meant that we can let Key Stage 2 (Class 3, 4, 5 and 6) children in earlier and can amend their start time to 8.50 am. The pedestrian gate on Raglan Rd will be closed at 9.00am by which time all children should be in school.



Parents' Evenings

As you may have guessed we will not be able to hold Parents' Evenings in the traditional way this term. Instead we will be offering phone calls so that you can discuss with your child's teacher how the start of the year has been for your child. The calls will be arranged for the week beginning 16th November for Key Stage 1 classes and 23rd for Key Stage 2. You will get an email from your child's teacher after half term explaining how to book a call. Mrs Watts will continue to have regular calls with Foundation Stage parents.

Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 95.7%	Top Class Attendance Class 5 99%
Crew Member of the Week 1 Nakita- Captain Cain for putting lots of effort into her learning all week. 2 Erin- captain Cain effort in Reading and English 3 Esmae for determination to succeed in English 4 Josie – Sailor Sam for perseverance and effort in Reading 5 Alex – reflective learning in his writing 6 Filip – Captain Cain like effort across all subjects	
 Witness of Justice – 1 Ayla and Ava- for encouraging others to be kind and showing them how to treat everyone equally. 2 Rupert, Zuzanna – always treating everyone equally 3 Lena W for courage and treating everyone fairly 4 Marlee, Mollie, Lamara – encouraging others to be fair. 5 Finlay, Zak, Olivia, Anthony, Lola and Grace 6 Josh, Sinitta & Rufus for consistently fair treatment of others	

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term
 Tuesday 3rd November – Back to school
 Saturday 21st November – First Holy Communion

