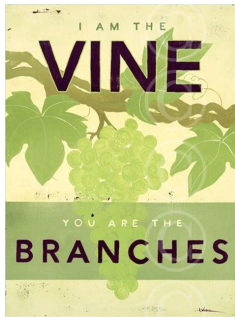




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Worship and Liturgy -

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus paints the image for us as him being the vine and us, his people, being the branches of the vine. The relationship between the vine and the branches results in the production of fruit for all to enjoy. Likewise if we treat

others in the way that we know Jesus would like us to, and live out the Gospel Values of humility, compassion, kindness, justice, forgiveness, integrity, peace and courage, then all people we meet will enjoy the pleasure of being treated well.

Please continue to pray for our Year 3 children on their journey to the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Bank Holiday Weekend

The first Monday in May is a Bank Holiday and so we will not return to school until Tuesday 4th May.



May - The Month of Mary

It is time to dust out those rosary beads as May is the month of Mary and we focus particularly on the prayer of the rosary during this month.

We usually encourage children to bring rosary beads in during this month but not this year as we are still restricting items from home coming into school I am afraid. We will be saying prayers from the rosary this month and hope to have a covid safe May procession with floral tributes later in the month.

NHS

Test and Trace

Covid Update

Just a reminder that as far as attendance at school is concerned symptoms trump Lateral Flow tests. If somebody

shows symptoms they should quarantine until a PCR test has been taken and delivered a negative result. The freely available LF tests are not considered reliable enough so an official PCR test needs to be booked through NHS Test and Trace.

Costa Del Devonport

In the summer months it is great to see families, and groups of children, walking through Devonport with flip flops on and towels over their shoulders making their way to Mount Wise Pools. We are so lucky to have such a great, free, resource right on our doorstep. The pools reopen tomorrow but it will not be the same as other years. Covid measures, of course, are in place and there will be limited capacity and pre-booking through *EveryOne Active* is needed. Living so close to the coast it is vital that children learn how to swim, both for their safety and to enable them to fully enjoy the beaches and pools that are so easily accessible for us. A trip on the bus to Whitsands can provide life long memories and is a relatively cheap day out. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have not been able to offer swimming lessons in school this year. We hope to be able to catch up so that all children do get a



block of swimming lessons before they leave St Joseph's. Private swimming lessons can be expensive but it is possible to teach your

children to swim yourself. Doing so offers adults and children great opportunities to directly share in the joys and achievement of taking those first strokes and is the key to sharing many other happy times together. With fewer people in the pools this seems the best time to give it a go.

Parents' Survey

Our Multi Academy Trust (Plymouth CAST) are conducting a survey of all parents in the schools in the Trust.

If you could follow the link below and complete the survey by 5th May it will inform the Trust of how parents perceive our schools across the whole Trust. Don't be put off if you cannot answer questions on the first page, later questions are more relevant to how you feel the school has performed. [CAST Parents' Survey](#)

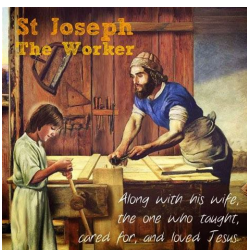




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Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 94.4%	Top Class Attendance Foundation Class -97.6 %
Crew Member of the Week F Lola- Commander Kim- problem solving in Maths 1 - Dougie- Admiral Anne, creativity in his English description 2 - Sam - Admiral Anne, Creative thinking in RE 3- Annalee- Commodore Chris for comparing fractions 4 - Ella E - Lieutenant Louise - excellent explanations in Maths 5 - Xavier - Captain Cain for improved effort and concentration 6 Chloe - Commander Kim - Problem Solving	
Witness of Kindness F - Penelope 1 - Ellie 2 - Rose and Erin 3- Mimi 4 -Connie and Lucy 5 - Ella 6 - Rufus	



St Joseph the Worker

We celebrated St. Joseph's Day in March but tomorrow is his feast day again. Since 1955 May 1st has been recognised by the Catholic Church as the Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker. This

was to tie in with the May Day celebrations traditionally being the celebrations of the working man and woman and the working class altogether. Although little is written in the Bible about St Joseph, he is a role model for fathers of all descriptions and workers in all trades and professions. Happy St Joseph's Day (no ice creams this time I am afraid).

