



Cake Sale

Remember to bring in your cakes, and/or your money to buy cakes, on Friday. Cakes should be brought in to school in the morning and will be on display in the hall shortly before 3pm and available to buy after 3pm. All of the money raised will go to the Friends of St Joseph's. We still plan to run the Argyle after school club on Friday however it will need to be held outside so will be dependent upon the weather.

Comic Relief

The children do not need to wear their school uniform on Friday. Instead we would like it if they could wear something red for Red Nose Day. Voluntary contributions (£1 is suggested) will go to Comic Relief.

St Joseph's Day

We had a lovely day last Thursday when we celebrated St Joseph's day a few days early. All of the children had an ice-cream and more than half of the school opted to play in the inter-house football competition in the afternoon. The Foundation Stage competition was won by the yellows (St Bernadette's) with St Paul's winning the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 competitions, meaning the overall trophy will be wearing red ribbons for the rest of the year. At Mass in the morning Monsignor Nannery mentioned the famine in East Africa and asked could we do anything to raise awareness and money to ease the plight of the millions suffering. We have a number of surplus ice-creams and sweets from St Joseph's Day and thought it would be a good idea to sell those off, with the profits going to the East Africa Fund. The sweets and ice-creams will be on sale after school on Thursday (while stocks last). A minimum of 50p will be asked for each item but you are welcome to donate more if you wish.

We realise that asking for money for three different causes in two days is a lot to ask. Please do not feel under any pressure to support all of the causes.

Zebra Crossing

Most children in the school have now spent some time learning how to use Zebra Crossings safely. It is very important that they retain that learning because even when some drivers were faced with a group of children in High-Visibility jackets they still did not stop at the Zebra Crossings. Please be careful whenever crossing Chapel St before or after school.

E-safety

Parents of the older children received a letter last week pointing out the importance of checking children's use of the internet at home, particularly on websites where 'private' chats are available. It is crucial that parents carry out these types of guarantee the lessons taught in school have been heeded. It must be worth doing if it can ensure that your child is not the one who becomes the victim of bullying or predators.

Stations of the Cross

Class 5 have begun preparing for the Stations of the Cross service to be held in St Joseph's Church at 2.00 pm on Thursday 30th March. Please join us if you can for a very moving re-enactment of Jesus' journey to Calvary.

Questionnaire

With this newsletter you should get a copy of the Parental Questionnaire for this year. Governors are keen for more parents to respond (37 did so last year) so have requested that we reduce the number of questions asked from 30 down to 20. If we exceed the target of 37 replies by the closing date of 31st March we will offer the children an additional 'free' mufti day early in the new term.

Spring Forward into Mothers' Day

Don't forget that the clocks go forward this weekend. Hopefully the children will ensure that all of the mums will still be able to enjoy Mothers' Day, despite a shortened lie in.

Easter Holiday

This year is a strange one where we break up two full weeks before Easter. The last day of term will be Friday 31st March with Easter Sunday being on the 16th April. Our first day back at school is Wednesday 19th April. This is a day later than many schools in Plymouth. Don't come back too early!