



18th February 2022

Worship and Liturgy



In the Gospel this week, we will hear about how Jesus talks about the importance of giving, of being generous with what we have and treating other people as we would like to be treated. Let's think a bit more about this today.

We don't just have to give people presents. Can you think of some other things that we can give to people?

Crew Member of the Week



F- Oskar- Sailor Sam- for persevering when helping Mrs Watts to learn some Polish words!

1. Hazel - Sailor Sam - for persevering with her writing and remembering her finger spaces.
2. Dougie - Sailor Sam for perseverance to present all his learning beautifully
3. Isabella - Admiral Anne for excellent creativity in her DT
4. Laila- Captain Cain - for great effort in her English work
5. Janet- Admiral Anne for excellent creativity in her writing.
6. Joe - Captain Cain - for consistently taking part both in class discussions and answering questions

Witness of the Week Fortitude



Lydia Sebastian Junior Penelope
Nikola Millie Otylia

Mr Dyson's Update

On Tuesday there was a real buzz coming from the hall. Our year 3 class were practicing with musicians for their performance at the Guildhall later in the year. Hearing live music in practice was a real heart-warming thing, and the development they made from the start of the session to the end was fab! I can't wait to see the final performance.



After half term, we will see restrictions ease in schools. What does this mean for us?

- Face coverings will not be worn in and around the school
- Face to face meetings can restart and visitors are welcome to come into school
- Mass gatherings can restart - including assemblies, mass and things like discos etc!
- We will still be vigilant and ask you to be too -if your child is poorly, please don't send them to school

World Book Day falls on the first week back- Thursday 3rd March. We will be celebrating the day with authors visiting, reading stories and book tokens for children. Children may, if they wish, dress up as a book character; however, PLEASE do not stress about this too much. Most of David Walliams' characters are 'normal' children in 'normal' clothes, so if you or your child would be more comfortable wearing their own clothes - this is absolutely fine!

Parking!

I think I have managed to get to February before someone has spoken to me about parking- which is great - thank you. Can I please remind you all that parking on the yellow zig-zags outside the back of the school is prohibited.



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Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

We had our governors this week, and I am conscious that they are not known too widely. I have updated the website with their pen portraits. Canon Mark O'Keeffe is our Chair of Governors - some of you might have seen him with me on the playground at the end of the day. He is a fantastic support for me, but also, he has the children's best interests at heart. He provides the great challenge to me to ensure the children get the very best at St. Joseph's. Each week, for the next few weeks, I will share information about each governor so you know who they are and what their roles are.



CANON MARK O'KEEFFE

Chair of Governors - responsible for RE and the catholic life of the school

By being a governor, I hope to add a sense of cooperation between the parish and St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. I am currently the episcopal vicar for schools within the diocese. I have a working knowledge of Plymouth CAST.

Finally - we have completed another successful half term. Enjoy the break with your family and friends as we approach spring time.

Don't forget - we are not due back until Tuesday 1st March (Shrove Tuesday) and, as has been tradition, we have always held a pancake race, so please get children to bring in a frying pan that day for us to have our race!

Have a wonderful half term everyone.

God bless,
Mr M Dyson



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93%	94%	90%	98%	99%	93%	94%	94%

Dates for your diaries

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Monday 28th February - Non-pupil Day, school closed
Tuesday 1st March - Children back to school - PANCAKE RACE
Wednesday 2nd March - Whole School Ash Wednesday mass
Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day
Monday 14th March - Science Week
Tuesday 22nd March - World Water Day
Monday 28th March - Year 6 Residential to Grenville House
Monday 4th and Thursday 7th April - Parents Evenings
Friday 8th April - Last Day

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