



Kitchen Manager

I am sorry to inform you that we interviewed for a new kitchen manager for the second time but did not appoint any of the candidates to the post. CaterEd have started the recruitment process once again but inevitably the starting of our Breakfast Club will be delayed once more. We have a new temporary kitchen manager in charge who is likely to remain with us until an appointment is made.

Parents' Evening

We had over 95% attendance at Parents' Evening last week. This is a high turnout and shows what a supportive group of parents we have at St Joseph's. I hope you had the chance to talk with one of the governors who attended the evenings. They fed back a general feel of satisfaction from parents. There were some issues about lunches which I have passed onto our new temporary kitchen manager. Many of you will have received the results of the RE Inspection parental questionnaire on the evening. I have reproduced them on the back of this newsletter for those who may have missed them. The full report of the inspection is making its way to the Bishop before it can be made public. We are pleased with the draft findings that we have been informed about.

St Joseph's Day

Traditionally the whole school goes to Mass to celebrate St Joseph's Day (19th March). This year the Mass will take place on the Friday 18th at 10.00 (not 17th as on the dates sheet). Parents are welcome to join us. Foundation Stage will still have their Act of Worship that day with parents staying afterwards so will not join us for Mass. Another St Joseph's Day tradition is our Inter-House football competition. This will also take place on Friday 18th and will coincide with Sports Relief Day. Children can bring donations to Sports Relief if they wish but it is not compulsory. All children who want to take part in the football competition will be able to do so. There will be three separate competitions. The Foundation Stage will start at 1.30, Key Stage 1 will take over at around 1.55 and then Key Stage 2 will take over from 2.30 onwards. Parents are welcome to attend the games but will not be able to take younger children home early once their games are over. Key Stage 2 children can wear boots if they wish, younger children should wear trainers or plimsolls. All Key Stage 2 children who play will need to wear shinpads. We do not want parents to buy shinpads for maybe ten or fifteen minutes use, so please if you have old spare sets of shinpads at home (slip ins are most useful) please let your child bring them in for others to share. If your child could bring in a top which matches the colour of your child's house (St Peter's - blue, St Teresa's - green, St Paul's - red, St Bernadette's - yellow) it will make it easier for when they are playing in the afternoon. Again spare shirts in the above colours could be shared if you have extras.

The final St Joseph's Day tradition is ICE CREAM !! There will be a choice of dairy based ice-cream and fruit based ice 'pops' please let us know if there is a type of ice cream that your child cannot have.

Holy Week

The week beginning the 23rd March is Holy Week where we remember the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. Children will explore various aspects of Holy Week with the culmination being Year 5 & 6's Stations of the Cross Service which will take place in St Joseph's Church at 11.00 on Holy Thursday (24th March) parents are welcome to join us for what is always a very moving experience.

Clubs

The extra-curricular clubs have proved to be very popular with just one space remaining in the Year 2 club on Monday. All of the others are now full.

PE Kit / Footwear

A number of children do not have PE kits in school. This causes delays to the start of most PE lessons. Can you please make sure your child has PE kit, with plimsolls/trainers that fit, in school at all times. Some children are wearing footwear to school which has crossed the line between school shoes and trainers. I know that line is becoming harder to identify but, as far as I am aware, Nike do not make school shoes and school shoes do not have a white base by the sole. If your child is currently wearing shoes that are more trainers than shoes can you please make sure they start next term in appropriate school shoes.

Mobile Phone

I am sorry but despite my best efforts the school mobile phone is not sending messages to multiple recipients. The parents of all children who were not a one for behaviour last week have been spoken to so, if you were not one of those parents, you can congratulate your child for getting a one. We will soon have a simpler system where you can be sent text messages through the website so things should improve before too long.

School Shop

The school council will be running the school shop in the hall after school tomorrow (Friday 11th). A range of stationery items, Argyle souvenirs and Easter themed gifts will be available ranging from 10 p to £4.

Photo Exhibition

If you get the chance, pop into the downstairs part of Devonport Guildhall to see the photo exhibition featuring images taken of some of our children by some of our children. Some of the photos really take your breath away and it is hard to believe that the photographers were 11 or under.



PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN INSPECTION OF
THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please find below the results of the parents' survey carried out for the RE inspection of St Joseph's School, Devonport. A report on the findings of the inspection should be available in about two weeks time.

Raw scores out of the 49 replies		I Agree	I Disagree	Unsure/ no answer
School Community				
1	I am made to feel welcome by the school.	47	1	1
2	The school has a caring atmosphere with relationships based on Gospel values.	48	1	
3	I feel the school communicates well with parents.	43	5	1
4	The school community actively reaches out to support those in need.	47	1	1
5	The school is an active member of the local Catholic community.	46	1	2
Religious Education				
6	Religious education has a high profile within the school.	47	1	1
7	The school gives parents a clear understanding of what is taught in RE.	43	5	1
8	I am satisfied with my son/daughter's progress in religious education.	47	2	
Spiritual and Moral Education				
9	The prayer and worship provided in the school are appropriate for the pupils.	48	1	
10	The school welcomes parents to share in the worshipping life of the school.	49		
11	The school provides pupils with clear guidance on health, personal growth and moral development.	48	1	
12	Pupils have positive attitudes and behave well.	49		
Leadership of the School				
13	Those in positions of leadership in the school provide a Christian model of leadership.	45	3	1
14	The school listens to and acts on concerns expressed by parents.	44	3	2
Recommendation				
15	I would recommend this school to another family.	47	1	1

Ofsted want schools to encourage parents to give their views on the performance of their child's school. The way to do this is to visit <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. There is a link to the site on the parents' page of the new school website.