



Diocesan Inspection

The final report from our Diocesan Inspection has been released and is now available on our website. A number of different judgements are made in the report. We were pleased that overall we were given a rating of two which would equate to an Ofsted 'Good' rating. One judgement was even more pleasing. Most of you will know that when I meet prospective parents I always say that we judge ourselves more than anything on the quality of respect and relationships seen in how we live out the Christian Values our Mission Statement is based on. In this area of the report (The School as a Catholic Community) the judgement was the top rating of one which would be the same as an outstanding rating from Ofsted.

Kitchen Manager

I am pleased to inform you that the latest round of interviews for the catering manager job was successful. CaterEd have appointed Mr Peter Storey who has already been working for them as a unit manager. In that role he would go in and take over the running of a kitchen when the cook was unavailable. Peter has been filling that role at St Joseph's over the last couple of weeks. He has found the children and adults so welcoming that he felt he would like to make us his permanent base rather than continue going to a variety of schools. We are very lucky to have somebody with his catering experience in school. He has worked in a wide range of catering environments including being catering manager for the Theatre Royal. He is keen to get the children involved in having some choice over what is on the menu. He will also take over the running of the Breakfast Club soon after we return next term. We hope that he will be supported in the Breakfast Club by Mrs Williams who is one of our longest standing Meal-Time Assistants.

On Thursday of this week there will be a change to the menu, the roast will be lamb.

Parking

I had an email from a neighbour of ours who lives in the Redrow Estate saying that he often has difficulty parking near to his house because parents from St Joseph's are in the space outside his house. What was disconcerting was that he said that people had reacted rudely or even aggressively when he asked them would they mind not parking there. This experience has also been suffered by the marketing manager from Redrow Homes. We value our good relations with our neighbours and would like parents to help us to maintain those good relations. Please treat all of our neighbours with courtesy, especially when there are children around to witness adults' behaviour. We encourage walking when possible. The vast majority of our children live within a mile of the school and so walking is an option for most families. If you do need to drive there is ample parking about 100 metres away in Brickfields Car Park. If you cannot park there, please do not park in residents' designated spots on Raglan Rd and avoid parking in front of residential properties on the Redrow side.

Inter-House Football

On Friday 18th March over 80% of children in school chose to play in the inter-house football competition. All of the games were played in a great sporting spirit. The overall champions were St Teresa's. They won all three competitions. Thank you for the donations made to Sport Relief (£17) and purchases from the shop where 20% of takings will also go to Sport Relief (a further £17). We are involved in two other sporting events this week. On Tuesday we will defend the Plymouth Catholic Schools' Football Trophy. On Wednesday twelve children from years 3 & 4 will take part in an indoor athletics competition at the Life Centre.

Holy Week

This week is Holy Week, the week when we remember the events of Jesus' last few days before his death and resurrection. There will be different services during the week culminating in The Stations of the Cross Service led by Class 5. This is always a very moving experience for all of those who attend. Please join us in St Joseph's Church for the service at 11.00 on Thursday morning.

Cake Sale

Cakes will be on sale for Clic Sargent after school tomorrow. Donations of cakes to be brought in in the morning please.

Easter

Our last day of this term is on Thursday 24th. We return to school on Monday 11th April. Have a happy and holy Easter with your children.