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## Worship and Liturgy



In the Gospel this week, we will hear that Jesus teaches us that when someone does something wrong we must forgive them. Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes. Instead we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us.

*We have all done things wrong. Can you think of a time when you did something wrong?*

## Mr Dyson's Update

A week of many highlights started on Monday when we waved off our year 6 children for their residential. Myself and Mrs Spry went down to see them on Wednesday evening, and all of them were having the best of weeks. Children had pushed themselves beyond what they thought they were capable of, whether that was conquering the abseiling off a cliff edge or navigating themselves around the caves. I am sure that they will all sleep well this weekend.

And staying with Monday, our year 3 children went to the guildhall to take part in a musical event with other schools and other musicians. The event was a really special spectacle of children embracing the opportunity to sing to a live audience. The feedback from staff, children and parents has been overwhelmingly positive. My thanks go to Miss Melley for organising and to Mrs Allen, Mrs Way, Mrs Cox and Mrs Spry who assisted.

Mrs Stephenson is currently unwell. I am hopeful she may be better next week, but if she is not, we will have to postpone her parents' evenings. This will be shared via dojo and text message. It is her final week next week, so I do hope she recovers in time for us to say a proper farewell to her.

## Crew Member of the Week



F- Theo- Captain Cain for super effort in all areas of learning.

1. Elliott - Commander Kim for problem solving difficult questions in maths.
2. Luka - Commodore Chris
3. Aston - Commander Kim for logical, methodical problem solving.
4. Nikola - Captain Cain - for superb effort in her mathematics work, showing amazing perseverance.
5. Junior- Commander Kim for excellent problem solving in Maths

## Witness of the Week Temperance



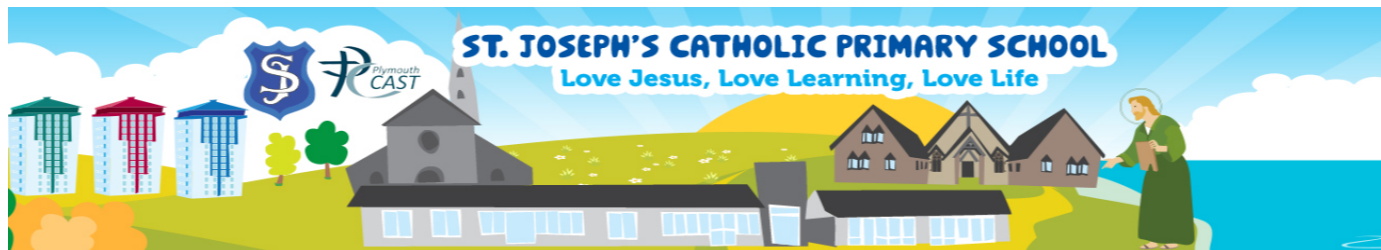
Autumn Carlisle Julia  
Kayla Ella Jace

## Attendance

Next week every child will be getting an attendance letter. This will inform you of your child's attendance to date using a Green, Amber and Red system. Illnesses and covid absences can not be helped - but it is imperative your child is in school as often as possible. We aim for more than 96% attendance for every child.

## Pollinize

Around 36,000 children are being given a packet of wildflower seeds this April to help support pollinating insects in the local area. As we all know, less flowers means less bees and other pollinating insects that are vital for our world. We fully understand that not all children have gardens to grow their seeds; therefore, we would like to grow



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some of the seeds in school to support our gardens and the buzzing insects that live in our grounds.

We will have a team from Pollinize come in to work alongside some of our children to reinvigorate some of our allotment area; however, if you have any spare garden plant pots that you are willing to donate, please could you kindly bring them to the office in order for our children to GET GROWING!

Many of our class requested through the school council that we improve our gardens and Miss Sharp is researching grants to do this, but in the meantime, some garden pots, filled with wildflowers, is a super way to start,

Our governor of the week this week is Mrs Lyn McCloughlin. Lyn is a parishioner at The Cathedral and so is part of our parish. She is a member of the choir too, so she enjoys the musical side of school life. Lyn used to work in Education at St. Boniface's for many years and is now working at The Cathedral parish. She is a great help to the school and often volunteers to help out.



Lyn McCloughlin - Foundation Governor responsible for Pupil Premium grants

*I am currently employed as the Pastoral Assistant and safeguarding Rep for Plymouth Cathedral having previously spent the last 20 years in education as a teacher - 10 of these in Catholic Education) - this follows a successful career in mortgages and banking prior to starting a family.*

*I hope to bring this experience to my role as a Foundation Governor at the Cathedral School and St. Joseph's and act as a link with both schools to the parish.*

### Homework Consultation

We would like to consult parents/carers on changes made to our 'Homework Policy.' This has recently been reviewed and we would welcome feedback and comments which can then be discussed with the staff team. You may click this [link](#) to open the policy. Please read and send comments to Mrs Spry by the 8th April. Thank you in advance for your support. ([j.spry@plymouthcast.com](mailto:j.spry@plymouthcast.com))

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless,

Mr M Dyson



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
92%	89%	95%	95%	86%	77%	100%	91%



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### Dates for your diaries

Monday 4th and Thursday 7th April - Parents' Evenings

Friday 8th April - Last Day

Monday 25th April - Children return to school

Monday 9th May - Y6 SATs week

Friday 1st July - Summer Fair after school

Tuesday 5th July - Sports Day at 13:15 (reserve day on 12th July if wet)

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