



8th October 2021



**Worship and Liturgy** - In the Gospel on Sunday we will hear about how Jesus asks a rich young man to sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor.

Once he had done this, Jesus said that the man could follow him. We learn the importance of kindness and compassion. We have been incredibly helpful over the last two weeks donating to those fortunate than others. There are lots of ways to help others, including helping look after the planet. We will be asking the children to think carefully about Pope Francis' message 'Care for our Common Home'. We would love to see any photos of things the children are doing to live out this message.

**How can we help others?**

**How can we help protect God's wonderful world?**

## Celebrations this week

<b>Attendance for the Whole school is 94%</b>	<b>Top class for attendance is Class 6 98%</b>
<b>Crew Member of the Week</b> F- Skylah- Sailor Sam for fantastic perseverance when writing the word 'mum' and your name. 1. Tommy- Commander Kim for really great problems solving 2 Junior - Admiral Anne - Creativity in English postcard. 3 Isobelle - Captain Cain for excellent effort in all subjects 4 Annalee - Admiral Anne for superb imagination and creativity in her writing and RE work. 5 Lacey C - Captain Cain for super effort in her Maths lesson 6 Zak - Admiral Ann for creative writing	
<b>Witness of the Week -Fortitude</b> F- Lena 1 -Elouise 2 - Finley 3 - Rupert 4 - Leonor 5 - Ella 6 - Gracie	



## What is temperance?

This week we have been focussing on looking for children who have great humility, honesty, kindness and compassion.



## Harvest

On Wednesday, we celebrated with our whole school harvest mass. It was humbling to see the amount of donations we received. The food brought in will make a huge difference to those who are less fortunate than us. It ties in nicely as today is World Homeless Day, a day focused on raising awareness for those who live on the streets and thinking about what we can do to support them.

If you see someone homeless and you are near a shop, buying or making them a sandwich would make a world of difference.

## Parking

We have had confirmation from Brickfields that parents are allowed to park in their car park whilst collecting or dropping off their children. Parking will always be a difficult topic of conversation as I know for convenience, parking close to the school to drop your child off or collect them is easy. However, we are lucky to have the Brickfields facility on our doorstep so please, if you are parking and coming on to the school site, park somewhere where it is safe and does not inconvenience others.





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## This October we will be supporting Plymouth PANTS Week in school (w/b 11th October).

Through discussions and activities in class we will aim to teach our pupils important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary

stories.

We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's, Talk PANTS rules using the 'PANTS' acronym, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse. PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's PANTS campaign you can access a free parent webinar, available any time on demand via this link:

<https://bit.ly/TalkPANTSwebinar>

Further information and advice is also available online at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to those who have signed up to parents evenings so far. There are still spaces - so please sign up at the office if you have not already done so.



## Dogs

I love dogs! I have two of my own. Many children also love dogs.

However, there are still quite a few people who don't. **Please do not**

**bring dogs onto the school site.** This has always been a general rule for all schools. If you have a genuine reason for a dog to be on site, please come and speak to me.

**DISABILITY BADMINTON FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 28th November**  
**9.45am – 11.45am**  
**Plymouth Life Centre**  
40 Mayflower Drive Plymouth PL2 3DF

To celebrate the success of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, Liskeard Junior & Inclusive Badminton Club and Tavyside Badminton are hosting a FREE disability badminton festival.

This festival provides the opportunity for all disabled people to get involved so why not try a new sport? Or if you have experienced badminton previously, it's time to get back on court!

The Disability Badminton Festival can be enjoyed by all and promises to be a fun-filled day of skill-based activities and on-court games.

## Dates for your diaries

18th October - School photos. Individuals and siblings.

19th and 20th October - Parents Evenings.

22nd October - Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

1st November - **SCHOOL CLOSED STAFF TRAINING.**

2nd November - First day of Autumn 2 Term

9th December - International Christmas Market

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas

Dinner

6th January - PANTO! Late collection.

## EMAILS TO PARENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise. We have had some technical difficulties and as a result our class emails, school emails and newsletters have not been received. While we get this back up and running, please make sure to get your class and school information from our website [www.st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk/website](http://www.st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk/website)