



5th November 2021



Worship and Liturgy - In the Gospel on Sunday we will hear about a poor widow. Jesus asks us to think about who is it better to be like; a rich person

giving away huge wealth for everyone to see or a poor widow quietly giving a little. He is asking us to think about how we can share and give to others. We have asked the children to think about how they can give kindness to others, even when it is hard, how can they give effort even when they are tired. It's sometimes difficult to always be the generous one, especially when you have to be generous of Spirit. This week we are asking our children to think about:

How can we be generous with fortitude?

Celebrations this week

Crew Member of the Week

F- Autumn- Sailor Sam for perseverance when writing her name.

1. Olivia - Lieutenant Lois for reflecting on her Read Write Inc.

2. Annika - Captain Cain for effort in reading and writing

3 Penelope - Excellent progress in reading

4 Bella - Admiral Anne creative and reflective questions in RE

5 Lamara-Commander Kim for creative Limericks

6 Ellie - Commander Kim for high level problem solving

Witness of the week - Prudence, the ability to forward think and build good habits



F- Victoria

1 - Kashh

2. Ava

3 - Max

4 - Charlie

5 - Maja

6 - Thushalan

Welcome back

I hope you all had a lovely week and you have recharged the batteries ready for the term ahead. The children have settled back quickly and have had a great week with their learning.

PTA

We had two parents this afternoon after school meet with us to get the PTA up and running again post-covid. We have lost a few volunteers due to their children moving on to the secondary school so we do need more people on board to lend a hand and help us with raising funds for the school. If you think you have some time you can commit to this, please let Mrs Watts or Miss Welsh know.

Covid

Over the half term we have had some updated guidance from Public Health. As I'm sure you are aware there has been a significant rise in COVID cases in the South West. To help minimise the spread after a half term holiday we have further updated our current Risk Assessment at St Joseph's.

- For this week and next, 1st-14th November, whole school Assembly/Liturgy will take place online.
- Children will not be in bubbles; therefore, they can mix outside at playtimes.
- Staff will not wear face coverings in the classroom but will wear them in communal areas, e.g., corridors and hall.
- Please, if possible, we ask that Parents wear masks when they are on the school site.

As always, we follow our risk assessment to ensure:

1. Good hygiene for everyone
2. We maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
3. Occupied spaces are well ventilated

Thank you for your continued support to keep everyone safe at St Joseph's.

Your views

Before half term, a parent survey link was sent out. This is your opportunity to tell us



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how you think we are doing as a school and offer ideas for us to improve. The survey closes next week so please, if you haven't already, click on the link and fill in the form. So far only 16 responses have been submitted.

Anti Bullying Week

Monday 15th November marks the beginning of anti bullying week. The theme for this year is 'One Kind Word.' The isolation of last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us. We will be starting the week in our usual way with 'odd socks' day and a special assembly. Your children can wear any odd socks or brightly coloured/patterned tights to school on Monday 15th November with their normal school uniform.

the weekend. A good tip for handling sparklers is to put it in a potato so children just hold the potato whilst enjoying sparkler fun.

God bless,
Mr M Dyson



Have a great weekend. It is the 5th November today so please stay safe if you are out and about watching fireworks over

Dates for your diaries

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

15th November- Odd socks day

2nd December - Foundation Bedtime Story

9th December - International Christmas Market

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

14th December - Foundation Nativity (afternoon) and KS1 Nativity (evening) performances

15th December - KS1 Nativity (afternoon) and Foundation Nativity (evening) performances

16th December - KS2 Carol Service (evening)

17th December - Last Day



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4th and 5th December - School closed - INSET

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