



2nd July 2021




Worship and Liturgy -

In the Gospel on Sunday Jesus preaches in his home synagogue but the people who saw him grow up cannot believe in him and what he is

saying. Jesus reflects that it is more difficult to be accepted as something different in your home territory. Of course it did not stop him preaching the message of Love Your Neighbour which drives how we should treat all others that we meet.

Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 92 %	Top Class Attendance Foundation Class 95%
Crew Member of the Week F- Aiva and Jeshvin- Sailor Sam for perseverance with your super story writing 1 - Alicia- Commander Kim for challenging herself with hard problem solving questions. 2 Rupert Admiral Anne exceptional creativity in Science and English. 3 Hunter- Admiral Anne for pushing himself with his creative writing and editing. 4 Lacey-May - Lieutenant Louise for explanations in english this week 5 Thushalan - Lieutenant Louise for super explanations in science this week 6 Sam - Lieutenant Louise for clarity of explanation in algebra problems	
Witness of the Week - Integrity  F- Max 1 - Frankie 2 - Rose 3 - Gabriel 4 - Cruz 5 - Imogen 6 - Filip	

really do not want to be added to that list, particularly with Year 6 due to enjoy their long awaited PGL trip on the horizon. Please do not send children to school if they display any Covid symptoms. Once symptoms are present it is only a negative PCR test which can allow children or staff to return to school before the period of self isolation expires.



Covid Next Steps

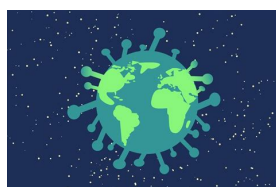
We are cautiously waiting for July 19th when, as a nation, we expect most covid restrictions to be lifted by the government. We are very aware that the virus does not work by the

calendar, and does not plan to disappear on the 19th July. We are expecting that track and trace measures, including compulsory self isolation, will remain. It has already been suggested that schools will need to be available to help with track and trace in the first week of the holiday. When we hear about the changes we will look at our risk assessment and see what measures we still need to apply to enable us to get through the last week of school and safely into the summer holidays without people falling ill, or the need to tell people they must self isolate. If bubbles are burst, with all children mixing as they used to, and a positive case is identified it would be a lot more people than just the class who would be obliged to isolate.

One example that we have already decided on is the Leavers' Mass. Much as I would love to have the whole school in the church for the final Mass of my seventeen years, and year 6's seven years, at St Joseph's it does not make sense to move from distinct bubbles one week to mass gatherings the next and risk the whole school having to isolate at the start of the holiday. We will limit attendance at the Mass on the 23rd July to year 6 children and invited guests. Families of year 6 children will receive further communication about attendance at the Mass. We hope to have an open air get together as soon as the Mass is finished where more people can join us.

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I have been informed that, as of yesterday, thirty seven educational establishments in Plymouth are affected by at least one positive case. We





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Summer Challenge

Reading

It's that exciting time of year again when the library challenges all of the children across the city to read, read, read!



Watch the launch video [here!](#) This year's theme is Wild World Heroes and you can help your child to manage their summer reading online: [Reading Challenge](#)! Before that you will need to physically visit the library to register for the scheme. We hope to celebrate with lots of reading success medals in September!

Summer Clubs

Two of our fellow CAST schools have asked me to make you aware of holiday clubs that they are hosting. The links are below.



[Holy Cross Premier Education](#)

[St Peter's / Marjons Science Club](#)

TGS (the company who provide our sports coaches) are also running summer clubs. They told us -

We start on Monday 26th July and run through til Friday 27th August.

It's 9am-3pm at Brickfields and cost is £10 per day.

Activities include bouncy castles, crazy golf, parkour, street dance, cold cooking and loads more!

To book spaces or for more info, contact Darren Swabey by text on 07932 456660

Leavers

I will not be the only person leaving St Joseph's at the end of term. Mrs Palmer, who has been the Foundation Stage Teaching Assistant for the first year of most of the children in the school, is also retiring. We are very proud of the start children get to their education at St Joseph's and Mrs Palmer has been a large part of that success. I am sure she will be missed (especially by Mrs Watts). I am sure you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement.



Miss Hill will also be leaving, temporarily, at the end of term. Her baby is due in September and we hope everything goes well and she gets to really enjoy her children before she returns to school.

Class Teachers for 21-22

We have allocated teachers to classes for next year. They will be :

Foundation - Mrs Watts

Class 1 - Miss Welsh

Class 2 - Mrs Stephenson

Class 3 - Mrs Penman

Class 4 - Miss Melley

Class 5 - Miss Sharp

Class 6 - Mrs Spry



Uniform

A few parents have already made appointments with Susy Putnam (PSA) to see if any of our surplus uniform can be of use to them. Those clothes, along with a significant amount of lost property that has now been washed, sorted and quarantined, are now ready for redistribution. A lot of it is still in very good condition and we would love it to be worn by St Joseph's children, rather than sit in the cupboard for another term! If you are interested in viewing what is available, please book an appointment with Susy on 07862 319122 or at putnams@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk

Raglan Rd Car Parking

I had an unpleasant incident reported to me this morning about a parent being confronted by a resident who thought she had blocked his car, and so prevented him from leaving for work. Nobody should have to experience a confrontation like that and if anything criminal is thought to have happened then the incident should be reported to the police.



The parking spaces off Raglan Rd are private property and parents should not use them for convenience when dropping off or collecting from school. We are far more fortunate than many schools as far as parking opportunities are concerned. We also have only a limited number of families who live more than half a mile away from school. Please walk to school when you can, or park a little further away (such as Brickfields Car Park) and walk the rest of the way. Nobody wants a repeat of the incident this morning so please do what you can to park safely if you need to park at all.