



21st May 2021

Worship and Liturgy -



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and is the birthday of the Church. In the gospel on Sunday Jesus is telling his friends that the Holy Spirit is coming to them. The Spirit will enable them to be witnesses to God's truth so that they can spread that truth for people living then, and for generations to come.



Please continue to pray for our Year 3 & 4 children on their journey to the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Their big day will be the second Sunday

of half term, June 6th.

Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 95%	Top Class Attendance Class 1 - 98 %
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Crew Member of the Week

- F- Sapphy- Captain Cain- for excellent effort with your writing.
1- Layton - Admiral Anne- for showing great creativity in his story writing.
2 - Lavaine - Lieutenant Louise for reflecting on her sentences
3- Mimi- Sailor Sam for amazing recalling in her learning this week.
4 - Lacey- May - Sailor Sam for perseverance in Maths
5 - Giulio - Commander Kim - Great problem solving looking at angles this week
6 - Taylor Rose - Captain Cain - high presentation standards in all her learning

Witness of Compassion



- F- Toby
1- Jett
2 - Jaylen
3- Nikola
4 - Lacey R and Faith
5 - Thushalan
6 - Rufus

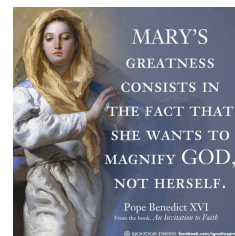
Bishop's Pastoral Letter

This weekend all parishes in the Diocese will be given a pastoral letter from Bishop Mark. He has also written a pastoral letter to every primary school child in the Diocese. That letter emphasises how important it is to care for our planet. Please take time to have a look at the letter here: [Bishop Mark's Pastoral letter to Primary School Children](#). We will be looking at the letter with the children next week.



One of our neighbouring catholic schools, Keyham Barton, has been asked to make a video which will be shown to the world leaders at the G7 summit. The children at Keyham have been taking practical

measures to support children in Uganda. St Joseph's will soon be establishing links with a school in Uganda too so that we can learn from each other. 'Waste' is literally a foreign concept in parts of Uganda because every resource is used to much greater depths than we manage presently.



Crowning Mary - We are pleased to be able to say that we are once again able to celebrate Mary being the Queen of May with a Crowning of Mary Celebration. This will take place, weather permitting, on

Thursday 23rd May at 11.45. As we are still following covid restrictions please do not send flowers into school. We have some lovely crowns and class made flowers for the occasions and we are looking forward to listening to some beautiful music that will allow us to celebrate Mary as Queen of the May, Jesus' Mother and Our Mother.

Hail Holy Queen enthroned above, Ave Maria





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PGL & Grenville House

There is good news for both year 6 and year 5 as far as residential trips are concerned. We have confirmed with PGL that the year 6 children will go to Beam House during the week beginning July 12th.



Due to the pandemic we had not made a booking for year 5 to go to PGL this September as we normally would have done. To do so now would put families in a very difficult position of having to find over £300 for a trip in four months time. Fortunately Mr Dyson has come up with a great solution. He has provisionally booked a week at Grenville House for next year's year 6. Grenville House is right on the harbour in Brixham and has been used by other Plymouth CAST schools for



decades. The booking is for the end of March and the cost is expected to be considerably less than families have paid for PGL this year. Depending on how many children go, we are expecting the cost to be in the region of £220 which we hope will be more manageable for families in the ten months between now and the start of the trip.

Brickfields Athletics

We have had details through explaining how the Brickfields Athletics Championships will be held this year. It will be very different to the annual gathering of over 1,000 young athletes all very proud to be



representing their schools. Bubble restrictions in schools will still be in place when the competition takes place so groups within schools will still need to be kept separate. The compromise that has been reached is that only children in bubbles in years 4 & 6 will be able to compete. More children within each year group will be able to compete, with two children in each track event and field event. Boys and girls relays will also take place. Each year group will attend on different days and compete against a small selection of other schools. Times for races, and distances for field events will all be recorded and used to work out the eventual winners. We started practising for field events yesterday and Beau, in year 6, launched the vortex much further than I could manage so things are looking promising!

Class Photos

The photographer from Fraser Portraits was very complimentary about the behaviour of the children while he was taking photos yesterday. He managed to get through the whole school in an hour less than he had expected. That included bonus individual photos taken for the year 6 children too. He was able to take group photos which will be amalgamated to produce a 'vista' style photo which has been more popular than the traditional class photos recently. We are awaiting instructions from the company about how you can view and purchase photos. As soon as we know we will let you know.

