



28th May 2021

Worship and Liturgy -

This Sunday is Holy Trinity Sunday. In this week's gospel Jesus tells his friends to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'



Please continue to pray for our Year 3 & 4 children on their journey to the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Their big day is now very soon on Sunday of half term, June 6th.

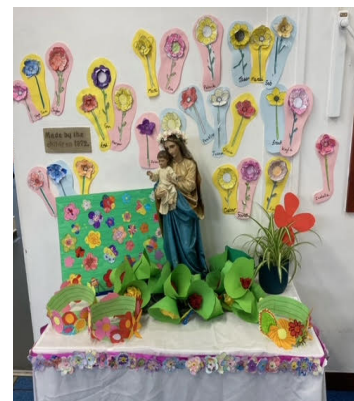


Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance %	Top Class Attendance Class - %
Crew Member of the Week F- Max- Admiral Anne for such creative learning this week 1- Finley- Sailor Sam- great perseverance with his reading. 2 - Olivia - Lieutenant Louise - 3 Rudi- Captain Cain- excellent enquiry skills in R.E. 4 Lucy - Sailor Sam - Perseverance with times tables 5 - Olivia Ch - Sailor Sam for persevering with our instruction writing 6 - Rufus - Admiral Ann for original ideas	
Witness of the Week F- Hazel 1 - Dougie and Milosz 2 - Penelope 3 - Lena W 4 - Faith and Alex 5 - Alex 6 - Isobel	



Crowning Mary -
 Despite the Covid disruptions we managed to have a lovely May Service for Our Lady. Children crafted flowers of all sorts rather than bringing in the real thing. In a way this made it more



special. The children were fantastic during the open air service. They even put up with my singing without any grumbles.

Service families

We are aware of some military families within the school but want to be sure that we are aware of all of the children in the school who are part of a military family. The official definition of a Service Child is:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census since 2016,
- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

If your child fits that definition please email our Parent Support Adviser Susy Putnam on putnams@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk



First day back - day off

Hopefully the sun will shine next week when we are not in school. The children will have an extra day off on Monday 7th June. Teaching staff will have a professional development day that day so no school for the children! Children come back on Tuesday 8th.





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CAFOD Eyes of the World Campaign

The children were told today about a CAFOD campaign to get world leaders to listen to the people who are going to be living on this planet for longer than they will - our children. On two occasions world leaders will congregate in the UK this year. The G7 conference in Cornwall and the climate change summit in Glasgow. CAFOD want these world leaders that the eyes of future generations are on them so that they take action to protect the planet which is suffering such great harm. This campaign involves children producing pieces of art around the theme 'eyes' or 'The Eyes of the World'. Schools will register their participation, including how many children have produced artwork for the campaign. We have invited the children to spend some time being creative and to send in photos of artwork or bring them into school after half term. The art can be in any form, including digital. I am looking forward to seeing how what ideas will occur to children. The video the children watched today can be seen through the link below. It is just three minutes long. I think our children will be able to create more imaginative 'Eye Art' than the examples in the video.



[Cafod Eyes of the World Video](#)



Mr Dyson visits

Mr Dyson will be a regular visitor to St Joseph's next half term. He will be on the playground after school on Wednesday 9th June and before school on the 16th, 21st and 24th June. Please do say hello and welcome him back to St Joseph's.

Covid Update



As we enter a school holiday period it is time to repeat the guidance on the situation if there is a positive test, for pupils or staff members, following symptoms developed within 48 hours of attending school.

"For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having

developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, (ie before 3.30pm on Sunday 30th) contact the school either on the school mobile number 07422938855 or email to gillb@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk. The school will need to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school."

*"Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, (later than 3.30pm on Sunday) the school **should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace."*

Please continue to be vigilant over Covid safety measures. If you do need to inform me of a positive case please entitle the email **Positive Covid Case** and it will get my attention as I won't be opening all of the multitudes of other emails I am likely to get during the holidays. I will stop monitoring emails at 3.30pm on Thursday 3rd June.

Diocese Summer Camp

Plymouth Diocese have traditionally run a catechetical summer camp for primary school aged children. This year the camp will be online with a gathering at St Rita's in Honiton on the last day Friday 13th August. Details can be seen on this link.

[Summer Camp Poster](#)



PE Uniform

If your child does not have a white t-shirt for PE could you please make sure they have one by the start of the next half term. Tesco are advertising a two pack from as little as £2

and Sports Direct are not a lot dearer. We have asked that school jumpers are worn on PE days but a number of children are wearing various styles and colours of hoodies. If a jumper is needed in the last half term please make sure your child is wearing a royal blue jumper. As PE kits are worn 40% of the time at the moment it is very noticeable that many children are wearing non uniform kit. St Joseph's children have always had a good reputation for how smart they look in school and we want to maintain that reputation.



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Uniform too small ?

One of the problems with children is that they grow before the clothes bought for them get a chance to be worn out ! Susy Putnam wants to organise a scheme where families can donate uniform items that have become too small. Most families will be able to benefit from uniform donated by older children that is still suitable to be worn by a younger child. We already have a substantial stock of lost jumpers, with no names in, which staff will wash and then make available for the recycling scheme. If you have uniform that is too small but in good condition could you please give it a wash and then bring it in to school. We will quarantine any donations before arranging 'give away' days for different classes.



Free School Meals

Marcus Rashford has not had such a good week professionally this week but his influence over politicians will again bear

fruit with vouchers being made available to all free school meals children for half term. Mrs Putnam and Miss Hawken have worked hard to allow a number of other families within St Joseph's to benefit from the voucher scheme too. We were able to distribute an extra twenty seven vouchers to families.

We have also been able to help provide actual food hampers for families thanks to a scheme run by Devonport Baptist Church. We are very grateful that our families have been able to benefit in this way.

Eat Them To Defeat Them

CATERed, our school meal providers, have joined in the national campaign to get children to eat more fruit and vegetables.



The children should have brought home promotional material this week. Tomatoes will be the first target in the 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign. Children will get stickers for eating a variety of fruit and vegetables over the next few weeks.

Brickfields Athletics

The Brickfields Athletics Championships will be run very differently this year. Only children within the year 4 and year 6 bubbles will be allowed to take part. The year 6 children will compete on Wednesday June 16th and year 4 on Friday June 18th. I am sorry to say we have been informed that parents are not allowed to attend. The children will be assigned a time slot to attend and an area in the grandstand as a socially distant base. On both days our time slot is a 12.45 arrival, for events to start at 1.00pm. We should be back in school before 3.00 pm.



In our time slot there are some schools with far higher numbers of children to select from such as Widey Court and Montpelier. That should present a good challenge for our athletes who have started getting ready for field events and relays this week. One school that we are up against on both days is Holy Cross. I am particularly keen to beat them as my wife is the headteacher there !