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## Worship and Liturgy -

In the Gospel on Sunday Jesus sends his disciples off in pairs to preach. He told them to take nothing with them apart from a stick for walking with.



No bread, no bag, no money .

With the power Jesus gave them they were able to cure many sick people.

## Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 95 %	Top Class Attendance Class 5 98%
<p><b>Crew Member of the Week</b></p> <p>F- Sarah- Admiral Anne for fantastic creativity when learning about London.</p> <p>1- Ellie, Ayla- Commodore Chris for working as a great team.</p> <p>2 - Eva P - Admiral Ann Creativity for exceptional english writing.</p> <p>3 Stas- Sailor Sam- great ideas and recall in lessons.</p> <p>4 - Vincenzo - Captain Cain for excellent enquiry skills in science</p> <p>5 - Grace - Captain Cain for increased effort in reading</p> <p>6 - Mollie - Captain Cain for excellent motivation, leadership and sense of humour!</p>	
<p><b>Witness of the Week - Courage</b></p> <p>F - Hope</p> <p>1 - Nakita</p> <p>2 - Isobelle</p> <p>3 - Leonor and Ellie</p> <p>4 - Junior</p> <p>5 - Zak</p> <p>6 - Roxana</p>	



## Health for Kids

The school nurse asked us to make you aware of this resource with lots of healthy tips for children.



<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>

## Reports

School reports are due to be distributed towards the end of next week . We intend emailing reports to the primary email address that we hold but can provide a paper copy on request. If you would like to request a paper copy please contact Miss Hawken at [hawkenk@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:hawkenk@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk)



## Appreciation for Teachers

Last year we could not allow you to show your appreciation for your child's teacher in the form of a card or a small gift because of the lockdown situation at the time. That is not the case this year so if you do want to show your appreciation in any way please feel free to do so.



## Sports Day - Tuesday 20th July

Good News- we do intend having a version of Sports Day on Tuesday 20th July. Parents will be allowed to attend, however the day will be split into four separate times for events. I am sorry if this will cause difficulties for some parents but it is the only way that we can safely put on such an event. Children will only compete within their own bubble so we will not have the traditional team events. All children should wear PE kit but if they have a t-shirt in the colour of their house they should wear that instead of the white top.

Reception Class	9.00 - 9.20
Classes 5 & 6	11.00 - 11.30
Classes 3 & 4	1.30 - 2.00
Classes 1 & 2	2.30 - 3.00

We will have to put very strict precautions in place for safeguarding and Covid reasons. Further details will be published next week.



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## Attendance



This has been a very difficult year for attendance but we still want to acknowledge the children who have had very good attendance this year. Any absences due to covid, either during lockdown, or self isolation, are not counted as absences in the calculations we make in this situation. In the last week we will have our 99 Club where all children with 99% or better attendance will get a 99 ice cream treat.

## Leavers' Mass



Four children were able to attend the Leavers' Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark on Thursday. The Mass was beamed into all of the Plymouth CAST schools across the Diocese and our children did us proud in their reading of the bidding prayers.

## Covid Changes

We are awaiting detailed guidance from our Multi Academy Trust as to what changes could, or should, be made from July 19th. I have already been told that we will be asked to maintain our bubbles in that last week and that staff will still be asked to wear masks in communal areas of the school. Staggered start and end of the day will also remain. Like a lot of workplaces some staff have been 'pinged' this week and have had to self isolate. In one instance that has resulted in the children being taught remotely with the teacher teaching from home but appearing on the big screen in the class. There was always a teaching assistant in the room within the children. It is possible that other



classes may be taught in the same way over the next couple of weeks.

## Parking

We need to raise awareness of another issue around parking near to the school. It has been brought to my attention that parents are parking on the double yellow lines on Raglan Rd which is particularly dangerous as the bend itself is already restricts drivers' ability to see possible hazards. We have been given this advice:



*The fine for parking on double yellow lines is usually £70, but it can vary depending on where you are in the country. If you leave your van/car in a dangerous position - on a blind bend, for example - you face getting three penalty points. If you already have existing points, this could lead to you losing your licence altogether."*



## Free School Lunches

Children in year 2 are coming to the end of their period of universal free school meals.

Once a child starts in year 3 school lunches will need to be paid for. If you think you might be eligible for means tested free school meals please contact Mrs Putnam or Miss Hawken for application forms.

## Year 5 trip

A small group of year 5 children have been invited to an educational visit associated with Sail GP which is the sailing event that will take place in



The Sound next weekend. Can the children involved please remember that they need to be in school by 8.25am on Monday. They will need to

wear their swimming costume under their clothing for the day. Of course it is likely that the swimming costume will get wet at some stage so spare underwear will be essential !





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## Is It Coming Home ?

Whatever the result of the match on Sunday it will go down as an historic occasion. Football has been in the news for other reasons this

season and Marcus Rashford and Raheem Sterling have been at the forefront of campaigns against racism in society, and football in particular. Sadly this is not a new problem. Seventeen years ago St Joseph's children featured in the Evening Herald for taking a stance against racism after black English players suffered abuse in a game that took place in Spain. One of their posters read, "If the colour of the football doesn't matter why should the colour of the player matter. Stop Racism !"



It is a shame that seventeen years later the beautiful game is still spoilt by the actions of a small minority. I did hear this week that one little girl who was in the school at the time is starting work in the Home Office next week so I am sure she will be a force for good in that institution.

Hopefully football will be the winner on Sunday evening. I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the message that St Joseph's children gave seventeen years ago to 'kick racism out' by letting today's children have a non-uniform day like the children did in 2004. I am sorry for the short notice but I would like the school to be full of a mixture of all colours on Monday. Rather than wearing school uniform I would like children to wear a top of their own choosing. Red and white

for England may be very popular. Football shirts of any colour will be welcome. I wonder if there are any Argyle shirts out there. If you do not have a football shirt it doesn't matter just wear a colourful top. Hopefully then every time England get to a final in the future our children will associate that with the anti-racism stance we are taking.



Whatever the result on Sunday we will expect the children to be in school at the normal time on Monday morning. You can go back to bed if you need to !