

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place in school the week commencing 16th October. You are invited to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and we look forward to seeing you to pass on positive information and suggest ways in which you can support your child to get the most out of school life. It is always useful in KS2 (Y3 – Y6) if pupils can accompany their parents to the meeting so that a meaningful discussion can be had between all three parties.

Parents' evenings are important. When schools and parents work together, children do better. Some questions that you might want to ask:

Is my child happy at school?

How well does my child take part in class activities?

What more can you tell me about my child's strengths and how they can improve?

What can I do to help my child at home?

Children do better when information about their learning is shared between everyone involved in their education. Discussing what your child is doing outside school can help the teacher to build on that learning at school. You might want to share information on:

The interests, hobbies or activities your child is involved in.

How you feel your child is coping with school and school work.

Any particular worries or difficulties you've noticed.

Changes in family circumstances.

This year appointment slots will be booked online through eSchools. Log in details for your online account, which can be accessed through the school website, will be sent out early next week. This will enable you to book your preferred appointment time direct.

Healthy snacks at morning break time

Due to a number of reasons, from Monday 2nd October toast will no longer be available as a mid-morning snack. However, we are keen to ensure that appropriate food and drink continues to be available across the school day to reinforce the healthy lifestyle message the school would wish to promote.

The school supports and participates in the Government's Free Fruit and Vegetables Scheme for all children in Key Stage One, which provides these children with a free piece of fruit to eat every morning at break. KS2 pupils have the option of purchasing a fruit or vegetable snack at 20p per piece from Monday 2nd October.

Parents are reminded that pupils should not bring in crisps or chocolate bars for their mid-morning snack. It is helpful if snacks from home are put into a separate container to the lunchbox in order to avoid children eating their lunches during morning playtimes. Alternatively, the snack can be taken out of a lunchbox on arrival in school.

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we want to promote the health and well-being of the whole school community through all aspects of food and drink, physical activity and positive emotional health. Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) is an area for school improvement in 2017 – 18 and more information will be sent home to parents in due course.



HCPT Group 179

The school has been approached by HCPT Group 179, the Torbay and Teignbridge branch of an international Catholic charity that takes disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes in France every Easter; www.hcpt.org.uk.

The group runs with a group leader, deputy group leader, a group nurse or doctor, a chaplain and a group of helpers (all voluntary). They try and take between 6 and 12 children aged between 8 and 18 each year. The children may have physical or learning difficulties. Each child is paired with one or two helpers depending on their needs. All members of the group are CRB checked and have safeguarding training.

For more information about accessing this charity please make an appointment with Miss Dunne.

Elf at Ullacombe Farm

Ullacombe Farm, Haytor Road in Bovey Tracey will be showing a screening of Elf in their barn on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st of December. After which they will surprise the children with their snow machine, which was a lovely end to the screenings last year.

The screenings will be between 12.30 and 13.00 and will cost only £5 per child. If you would like to book this fabulous experience for your children then please email to Stuart at info@pop-up-events.net

Compton Castle Trip — Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Could we please remind you if you haven't handed in your consent form and payment for this trip, the deadline is **Wednesday 4th October**.

Playground apparatus

The wooden apparatus in the playground is for use during the school day only. Children are not allowed to play on it before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



As the weather is now getting colder, please ensure your child brings a coat, clearly marked with their name, into school every day. We encourage the children to be outside during break time as much as possible whatever the weather.

School Uniform

Please make ensure all items of your child's uniform is marked clearly with their name. This helps us to return items to their rightful owner!

Harvest Thanksgiving

At 9.15am on Friday 6th October **ELM** Class will be leading the school in our Harvest Thanksgiving to which all parents and carers are welcome.

During the act of worship there will be a special collection to support the work of **HITs**. (Homeless in Teignbridge Support). The food will then be distributed to local families within our community who are in need of our support. Children may bring in donations to their class teacher on the morning of Friday 6th October. Suitable donations are tinned and packaged items including:

Baked beans, Pasta, Cereal, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Sugar, Jam, Instant noodles, Biscuits.

Information about this local charity working with those in crisis and need in our community can be found at <http://hitsfoodbank.org>.

School Council

The deadline for handing in letters and manifesto's has been extended until **Wednesday 4th October**, with an announcement in Prayer and Praise on Friday 6th October. Children in Y1 upwards have the opportunity to be a member of the School Council. Parents are welcome to help their younger children to write their manifesto, but it is important that the child wants to be a School Council Representative.

