



NEWSLETTER



5/4/19

Friends of St Joseph's Cake Sale

Thank you so much to all of the parents who were busy baking cakes this week. Yesterday's sale was a great success. The cakes looked fantastic and the ones that my family enjoyed were delicious. We raised £320 for the Friends of St Joseph's.

Birthday Cakes

A number of parents have recently arrived with large cakes to be shared on their child's birthday. Although this is very generous it involves a lot of time on the part of staff cutting, distributing and clearing up afterwards. If you would like your child to share a treat with their friends on their birthday a small bag of sweets will suffice, please do not send in cakes to be shared in the future.

Attendance

Attendance is still creeping up towards our 96% target, it now stands at 95.45%. Over a fifth of the school (43 children) have an average attendance of 99% or more.

	Foundation	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance	95.3%	94.1%	94.8%	96.7%	95.9%	96.3%	94.9%

Dogs

Thank you to the many parents who manage their situation to avoid bringing their dog onto the school site. We do have one little girl who comes in through the Raglan Rd pedestrian gate who has an extreme fear of dogs and gets very upset if she has to come close to one. If you wait outside that gate with your dog at the start or end of the school day please position yourself away from that gate slightly towards the Music Zone to avoid upsetting her.

Wider Curriculum Day

Today the children in years 1-6 enjoyed a school day with a difference. They moved around classes during the day being taught different subjects by different teachers. This was a trial day to see if this pattern of working allows the children to learn even better in subjects such as Art, Music, Computing and French. The children I have spoken to certainly enjoyed this way of learning.

Radio Plymouth Competition

We had great news from Radio Plymouth this week. Some of our children took part in a competition to make a work of art out of recyclable materials. Lana in Class 4 designed and made a wonderful recycled wheelbarrow which won the whole competition. Lana's artwork will be on display after school today and then at Otter Nurseries in Brixton. Otter Nurseries will be installing two raised plant beds, with plants, in school as the prize. Well done Lana.

Special Needs Audit

An officer from Plymouth's Inclusion Service visited St Joseph's this week to check on how we provide for children with Special Educational Needs. He was very impressed by what he saw and gave a very positive report. Well done Mrs Burke. In future Mrs Burke will be supported in her role by our new Family Liaison Officer, Aimee Rice, who will be starting with us after the holidays.

Stations of the Cross

Year 6 led us in a very moving Stations of the Cross service on Wednesday. During Holy Week most services for the Parish will be held in the Cathedral. The times of services can be seen below. If you do visit the Cathedral look out for their Stations of the Cross. The artist who created them also worked on the Stations in Westminster Cathedral where he was trained by a certain Mr Gill (no relation unfortunately). Easter Sunday Mass will still be held at St Joseph's at 11.30am.

PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL EASTER MASSES / TRIDUUM

18th April Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

19th April Good Friday 3pm

20th April Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8.30pm

21st April Easter Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

We hope you have a happy and Holy Easter. See you back in school on Tuesday 23rd April.