



St Joseph's Newsletter 6 - 2020



27th November 2020



Worship and Liturgy – 1st Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus continues his theme of 'being ready'. Advent is a time of getting ready. Mrs Illing has been busy this week preparing our Advent wreaths which will be blessed by Deacon Albert on Monday during our Liturgy.

As Advent starts in November this year you might want to check your Advent calendar is an Advent one not just a December one! A good idea for Advent calendars is to have a 'Kind Acts' Advent calendar where each day we can all be directed towards an act that will make somebody else's life that little bit brighter.

Witnesses of Christ – this half term we ask the children to be witnesses of Christ by sharing things equally, praying for solutions to inequality, feeling grateful for what we have.



Covid Update

Thank you again for your patience and adherence to Covid measures, particularly when queueing at the gates at the start or end of the day. Plymouth City Council are deploying 'Covid Rangers' to police groups of parents at some Plymouth schools as parents there are not as good as you at following the guidance!

Car parking – Raglan Rd Residents

Can parents who drop off or collect children at the Raglan Rd entrance please remember that the parking bays off the road are private and for the use of residents. There have been two occasions this week when residents have let me know that they have been inconvenienced by parents using the bays. This has caused delays to residents either leaving or arriving back to their private bays. Also in that area, the zig zag lines are there for the safety of all our children. Stopping on them for the briefest of times increases the danger to our children.



Hardship Support

Devonport Community Baptist Church

We have been approached by Devonport Community Baptist Church with a very kind offer of 'Gift of Hope' Christmas (and New Year) food parcels for families who find that more expensive time of the year difficult to manage. Mrs Putnam putnams@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk will be coordinating this project for us.. Please contact her by **Monday 30th November** if you would like to be considered for support.



The Village Hub

The Village Hub is a distribution centre for good quality surplus food for local residents. People do not need to be referred and the service is discrete and friendly. They are open Monday – Friday 9.30 – 2.30. The address is 67a Devonport Road, Stoke, PL3 4DL.

They are also manning a help line. The Stoke Neighbourhood Care Line is open to anyone who needs assistance. This can be to pick

up basic supplies, prescriptions, dog walking etc. The number is 07380319128 should you or anyone you know need some assistance. They will answer calls regarding food needs as well.

Other local food banks are available which are:

Devonport Love Your Neighbour – they offer crisis parcels for those who are waiting for benefits or their first month's pay to arrive. They can be contacted on 075959803190 and are located in the Pembroke Street Estate, Devonport.

Salvation Army Morice Town is also setting up a food bank.

Charities to support

Advent is a good time to choose a charity to give to at a time when many minds are focussed on 'get' rather than 'give'. Here are a couple you might want to bear in mind.

[Children's Hospice Santa Run](#)



[Catholic Children's Society Sleep on the Floor](#)



E-Safety training

Holy Cross School have invited our parents to join their e-safety event for parents on Wednesday 2nd December at 6.00pm. It is important to know the risks children face, and take, when online.

[Zoom invite to e-safety event](#)

Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 95.7%	Top Class Attendance Class 4 99.7%
Crew Member of the Week	
1 Finley R- Sailor Sam for great phonics	
2 Jaylen - Captain Cain effort in all areas	
3 Jaylee - Captain Cain effort in English	
4 Maja - Sailor Sam for perseverance with getting her handwriting of a consistent size	
5 Inayah - Commander Kim for excellent problem solving in our reading group this week	
6. Chloe - Captain Cain effort across all subject areas.	
Witness of Forgiveness	
1 Layton, Ayla, Elouise, Finley P	
2 Jaylen, Joseph, Erin	
3 Esmæ	
4 Ella E	
5 Morgan, Hollie and Zuzanna	
6 Roxana and Isobel	

Dates for your Diary

30th November – St Andrew's Day

2nd December E-Safety course

18th December – Last day of term

