



St Joseph's Newsletter 3 - 2020



6th November 2020



Worship and Liturgy – In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the sensible and foolish bridesmaids. Five were sensible and prepared, five were foolish and unprepared. Guess who got to go to the wedding ! Jesus is telling us that we should always be thinking about how we can help others and not to only do it when we think there might be something in it for us. This is particularly suitable for Remembrance Sunday as we remember the thousands who made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could benefit.

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 and getting involved in our Cafod Family Fast – Walk for Food Day.

Lockdown 2

I am sure you are all pleased that the children are able to go to school during this lockdown period. Thank you to the parents who have expressed their gratitude towards staff for their dedication to the children. It is essential that we all do what we can to prevent the spread of the virus, Our Risk Assessment is revised as new guidance is released. One rule that came out later in the week was that after school sports clubs are no longer allowed. We are sorry to disappoint the children who were enjoying the clubs so much. Hopefully we will be able to resume the clubs in early December. Very sadly our candidates for First Holy Communion have suffered disappointment again as their big day has had to be postponed again.



Mufti Day

Next Friday is Children in Need Day and also the day where we will be holding our Walk for Poverty Cafod event. You should have had an email explaining that the children can wear their own clothes to school that day. Please do not send your child in with cash for the Mufti Day. The ways that you can give are :



Prayer – Offering a prayer to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Asking God to give them hope and solutions at this difficult time.

Donations – Donating to our just giving page, even a small amount can go a long way.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stjosephsplymouth>

These donations will be split between Cafod and Children in Need. If you would prefer to give to just one of those good causes they each have websites where you can donate.

Food Donations – A single tin donation to the 'Food Collection' when you are next at the supermarket.



Times Table Rock Stars Competition



Over the last few weeks our Year 4 children have been in a Times Tables Rock Stars battle with children in the other Catholic primary schools in Plymouth.

The competition ended this week and we are delighted to announce that the top three individual children are all from St Joseph's ! Well done to Jaxon, Aishwiny and Cruz. The top points scorers in the competition were St Joseph's. Well done Miss Melley and Class 4.




Remembrance Day



On Wednesday of next week we will hold an Armistice Day Remembrance Service. Each class will create a poppy wreath to be used in the service. We will hear the Last Post being played

and will stand for two minutes of silence. Hopefully the weather will allow us to hold the service all together (but distanced) outside.

Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 97.1%	Top Class Attendance Foundation Class 100 % !
Crew Member of the Week	
1 Milosz- Lieutenant Louise for being able to find the mistakes in his work and correct them without any help.	
2 Sam - his work in maths and continual effort	
3 Nikola - Sailor Sam for trying hard in learning.	
4 Maciej - Sailor Sam for perseverance in Maths	
5 Zak - Lieutenant Louise for brilliant reflective learning linked to our history and his own personal connection to WW2	
6 Josh - Commodore Chris for inspiring others to read	
 Witness of Compassion -	
1 Grace, Frankie, Annika, Amelia, Julia, Vanessa	
2 Mawgan, Meiszko	
3 Orchidea	
4 Faith, Alex, Angel	
5 Zuzanna, Lola, Ksawery, Thushalan, Otylia	
6 Emily-Mai, Filip, Dawid	

Dates for your Diary

11th November – Remembrance Service

Friday 13th November – Walk for Poverty Mufti Day

16th November – Flu Vaccine Day (not cancelled so far)

Week beginning 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week & Key Stage 1 Parents evening calls

Week beginning 23rd November – Key Stage 2 Parents evening calls