



20th November 2020



## Worship and Liturgy – Christ the King

As we approach Advent we are reminded In Sunday's Gospel that we need to treat all those around us well. He tells us, "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me." When his listeners said they had not done that for Jesus he replied, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!"

**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

We had our highest numbers yet of children self isolating waiting for a household member's test results. Fortunately results seem to be getting back quicker than before and some children only missed one day of school.



## Singing is Back

Since March the children have not been allowed to sing in school. New guidance now allows singing to take place as long as strict social distancing is in place. In the approach to Christmas in other years the school is awash with singing from all classes. This year unfortunately we will not be able to have our usual Christmas performances. We do hope to record each class singing Christmas Carols so we can at least share that with you. We are discussing what ways we can celebrate Christmas in school this year. We will have a Christmas Lunch but it will have to be in bubbles rather than all together. We will be discussing a common Covid safe approach to Christmas cards with our partner multi academy trust schools. Until we make an announcement about cards please do not send any into school.



## Anti-Bullying Week

A group of Year 6 children analysed our definition of bullying this week and suggested there should be a slight amendment. Their addition is in capitals. Our new definition is:

*Bullying is when somebody is hurt repeatedly over a period of time. The type of hurting can include:*

**Physical** e.g. hitting, taking, **BREAKING** or hiding things

**Verbal** e.g. teasing, name-calling, threats

**Emotional** e.g. writing unkind things, spreading rumours, playing nasty tricks, nasty looks, making somebody feel left out.

**Cyberbullying** eg sending chain mail, nasty messages by text, email or other, sending messages pretending to be someone else, publishing photos or videos which could cause upset to the victim.

**Bullying is deliberate, repetitive and inappropriate**

## Parent Support Adviser




We have been without a Parent Support Adviser (PSA) during a period when support for families has been in greater need than ever before. I am delighted that we have been able to appoint Susy Putnam as our new PSA. She will work full days on Monday and Friday and will work half a day on Wednesday. She will be joining us next week. Her email address is [putnams@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:putnams@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk).

## Free School Meals at Christmas

You are probably aware that Marcus Rashford has been successful in his campaign to get food provided for Free School Meals families at Christmas. We are waiting to hear how this will be organised by the local authority. If your circumstances have changed and you think you now may be eligible for free school meals you can apply through the Plymouth City Council website. To qualify for the Christmas support applications need to be in very soon as applications take a while to process and there will be a cut off date for the Christmas offer.



## Celebrations this week

<b>Whole School Attendance</b> 95.6%	<b>Top Class Attendance</b> Foundation and Class 4 99.1%
<b>Crew Member of the Week</b>	
1 Junior- Captain Cain- putting lots of effort in his maths.	
2 Lois C - Admiral Anne - fantastic creativity in maths and english	
3. Lena W	
4 Oskar - Lieutenant Louise for a brilliant reflection on viking life	
5 Thushalan - Commander Kim for super reasoning and problem solving in maths.	
6 Taylor-Rose - Admiral Anne creativity in narrative writing.	
 <b>Witness of Kindness -</b>	
1 Eloise, Finley R, Marina	
2 Erin, Kristina	
3. Alicia	
4 Grace, Faith and Noah	
5 Lottie and Inayah for kind words and helping when hurt.	
6 Alfie, Josh and George	

## Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 23rd Nov - Key Stage 2 Parents evening calls  
29th November 1st Sunday in Advent  
18th December - Last day of term