



12th March 2021

## Worship and Liturgy - 4th Sunday of Lent



We are halfway through the season of Lent and are beginning to think about the lead up to Holy Week and the events that led to Jesus' death on the Cross. In today's gospel we are reminded of God the Father's love for the whole world and that he sent his son to be the saviour of that world.



### St Joseph's Day

Next Friday is St Joseph's Day. Part of our celebrations will be celebrating Mass in the school hall with classes following the Mass on screens in their classrooms. Another St Joseph's Day tradition is an extra cold treat for the children! Friday 19th is also Red Nose



Day, unfortunately we will not be able to allow red noses in school as there are not many things less covid friendly than a five year old's comic relief nose! It is also our Lenten CAFOD day. Key Stage 2 children will be involved in CAFOD related activities as part of our Agents for Change day for

this term. Key Stage 1 will continue their support for people living or working in care homes by making items to brighten up their days. If you want to make a donation to CAFOD you can do so here. [SJ Just Giving](#) If you would prefer to support Comic Relief of course you are free to do so through their payment channels. You could always do a bit of both!

### The Year of St Joseph

Not only is it St Joseph's Day next week, we are now in the Year of St Joseph. Pope Francis has declared this year to be a special one of dedication to St Joseph who is the patron, not just of our school, but also of workers and the Universal Church.



### Back to School



It has been great to see the school full of children again. I hope the parents who have worked so hard supporting home learning are enjoying just being parents again. One headteacher likened the return in his school as the

children seeming like they are returning to school afresh like they do after the summer whereas the staff have worked so hard driving both school and home based learning that they feel like they do just before the summer break. I do feel that in St Joseph's there has been an air of rejuvenation in our staff by the children being back with them, however I think they will be grateful when the Easter break arrives.



### Covid Update

The children have quickly returned to their good habits as far as handwashing and keeping to other safety measures are concerned. Ventilation was a little problematic early in the week but the temperature was positively balmy compared to how cold it was in late January. On the tech free day last week many children produced artwork to say thanks to the NHS. All of the pieces were sent to the team at Plymouth Pavilions for them to display to people waiting for their vaccination. Bryony from that team sent this email to me. 'Just a quick email to say that the first batch of artwork went up outside the building today, it looks wonderful. Here's a link to the album online that I'll be updating throughout the project: [CLICK HERE](#). Please do pass our thanks onto the teachers and pupils who have contributed, I hope they enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed installing it, maybe it was the spring sunshine but it really did bring a smile to my face!' We thought we would be allocated one poster area for our art work but if you click on the link above you will see that we ended up with many more.



### Nits

Thank you to the mum who has alerted me to a case of nits in Class 6. Unfortunately the return to school does mean a return to regular checking, and treating of children's hair for nits. It seems the lockdown was more effective for Covid than it was for nits!

### Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is now a globally used strategy for ensuring that schools get the earliest possible notification if any of their children have been involved in incidents at home which have required police presence to deal with the situation. We can then ensure that any children affected are given the appropriate support when they come to school. The movement actually started with schools from Devonport and Saltash and St Joseph's was one of the schools involved in its pilot project. Sadly domestic violence increased during lockdowns. Simply by witnessing domestic violence children are victims of it. Our being part of Operation Encompass ensures we can address the damage caused as early as possible. Of course Operation Encompass can only support cases where the police have been involved. We know that abuse often lasts for years without the police being aware This link [Domestic Abuse Support](#) offers avenues of help as does 0808 2000 247 which is the National Domestic Abuse Helpline





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## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is now open again. We have been asking the children what new activities they would like to be provided for them to enjoy during Breakfast Club. We know that many regular club members have not come this week due to parents still working from home. If they want to make suggestions for new activities to me during the week we will see what we can do. Those children are welcome back at any time as are any other children. The club is open at 7.30 am and is great value at £2.50 a day.



## Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 96.3 %	Top Class Attendance Class 2 98.62 %
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Crew Member of the Week</b></p> <p>F Logan-Captain Cain-Great perseverance and trying hard.            1 Tiger- Commander Kim - for great problem solving in his maths test.            2 Oskar - Sailor Sam - persevering well all week            3 Jayce - Captain Cain - great effort in returning to school!            4 Faith -Captain Cain - Fantastic effort on returning to school            5 Gracie - Captain Cain - Super attitude when returning to school!            6. Lexi -Captain Cain - All round improved effort towards learning</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Witness of Courage</b></p> <p>F Kashh- Being so brave coming into school.            1 Luka and Jett - Being super brave when they fell over.            2 Penelope - Adapting so well to all new things            3 Charlie and Jaylee            4 Jace and Lacey            5 Hollie, Zuzanna, Alexis, Thushalan and Morgan            6 Freddy, George, Filip, Joshua</p>	

