



7th May 2021

Worship and Liturgy -

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus gives us some of his most famous advice - 'Love one another as I have loved you.' He talks about friendship and the



lengths that true friends are prepared to go for each other.



We are still in the month of Mary. If you do happen to have any rosary beads in the house please take the opportunity this month to let your children experience looking at and handling them.

Please continue to pray for our Year 3 children on their journey to the sacrament of First Holy Communion. They all felt overwhelmed by positivity and God's love following their first reconciliation this evening. We would like to thank Father Oscar and Deacon Albert for making this possible.

Devonport Library Has Reopened



Please look at the link to the poster below to find the current opening times for Devonport Library. A recent survey showed

that during lockdown primary school aged children read more than they had done previously. More children turned to 'real' books rather than digital versions too. We would like that trend to continue so please make use of the free books you can borrow from the library on our doorstep.

[Library Poster](#)



Director of Education Visit

We had our first visit from CAST's Director of Education this week. Kevin Butlin has been in the post for over a year but his work has been dominated by covid management so he was delighted to get into a school at last. His strongest impression of the school was the good behaviour of the children both inside and outside the playground. Every child was engaged in their learning tasks when he visited the classrooms. We are very proud of them and so should you be.

Lost doll

A cuddly toy was found in the playground this morning. A bit like The Velveteen Rabbit, it looks as though it has been loved for a long time by its owner.

I can still remember the trauma of a lost cuddly for my own children when they were toddlers. Grandma's attempts at trying to replace 'Lucky' the dalmatian with a replica new toy from ToysRUs failed miserably. If you are missing such a toy please call in to the office and we can arrange for her to be reunited with her owner. I have been reliably informed that she might be a character from one of the Frozen films.

Celebrations this week

| Whole School Attendance 95.5% | Top Class Attendance Foundation Class - 97.6% |
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| Crew Member of the Week | |
| F Chloe- Captain Cain for excellent effort in all areas of learning this week. | |
| 1 Martyna- Captain Cain for great effort in her writing. | |
| 2 Jason - Sailor Sam - Resilience in searching for rich vocabulary | |
| 3 Ellie- Admiral Anne for excellent creative writing, and trying hard to change and improve language. | |
| 4 Cruz - Commander Cain for excellent effort during class discussion | |
| 5 Inayah - Admiral Anne for creative writing | |
| 6 Tobias - Admiral Anne for creative writing | |
| Witness of Humility | |
| F Jeshvin | |
| 1 Julia, Ayla | |
| 2 Joseph | |
| 3 Lena W | |
| 4 Maja | |
| 5 Hollie | |
| 6 Roxana | |





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Foundation Governors

The majority of members of the governing body of a Catholic School need to be 'foundation' governors who are appointed by the Bishop. Foundation governors need to be catholic. Including the headteacher we only have three foundation governors at the moment which means we are limited to two non-foundation governors. For the amount of support and challenge governors give to a school, that is a small group. If you are a catholic and feel you could offer support and challenge to the school as it moves into a new era, with a new headteacher, please contact our chair of the governing body, James Kelly, at kellyj@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk. If you know of any other catholics who might be interested please ask them to contact James too. Governors do not need to have any prior relationship with a school. If just two catholics join then we could add two non-catholics too and double the size of the group to help Mr Dyson for next year.