

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place in school the week commencing 15th October. You are invited to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and we look forward to seeing you to pass on positive information and suggest ways in which you can support your child to get the most out of school life. It is always useful in KS2 (Y3 – Y6) if pupils can accompany their parents to the meeting so that a meaningful discussion can be had between all three parties.

Parents' evenings are important. When schools and parents work together, children do better. Some questions that you might want to ask:

Is my child happy at school?

How well does my child take part in class activities?

What more can you tell me about my child's strengths and how they can improve?

What can I do to help my child at home?

Children do better when information about their learning is shared between everyone involved in their education. Discussing what your child is doing outside school can help the teacher to build on that learning at school. You might want to share information on:

The interests, hobbies or activities your child is involved in.

How you feel your child is coping with school and school work.

Any particular worries or difficulties you've noticed.

Changes in family circumstances.

Appointment slots will be booked online through eSchools and will be available from 12pm on 6th October. If you are unsure of your log in details, please speak to Mrs Hobart in the school office.



We have signed the Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime pledge.

Find out more on our website or at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Data Collection Sheets

Could you please return your sheets to the office by Friday 12th October. We require at least **TWO** contacts for your child and an email address for the main contact.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the form. If you need a new sheet please ask at the office.



Top Quizzing Results	
Jessica Kneeshaw	100%
Kayla Quainoo	98.1%
Ruby Slatter	95.7%
Annie McKinley	95.2%
Eliana Quainoo	95%

Class Quizzing Averages	
Swallow	81.1%
Woodpecker	79%
Kingfisher	78.3%
Puffin	88.2%

Dear Lord,
Give us open hands
and loving hearts,
so that we take less
and give more.

Amen

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Dear Parents

FIRST DAY CONTACT FOR ABSENCE

In recent years, there have been a number of cases reported in the press, where a child was missing from school for a significant amount of time with tragic consequences. As a result, the school reviewed its procedures for unauthorised absence which are detailed below.



The school operates a **first day contact** policy as follows:

- Parents alert school of absence by phone or in person at the office. These are logged by the school admin team on SIMS.
- Teachers complete registers.
- The Admin Team check absent children on the registers against the reported absence answer phone to determine children whose parents have not reported their absence.
- The Admin Team will telephone the parents. Reasons for absence will be recorded on SIMS.
- If the Admin Team can't get through, a message will be left to telephone school by 10.00am. If no contact can be established by 10.00am this will be entered on SIMS.
- **A Safeguarding concern will be logged and discussed with the Designated Safeguarding Lead.**
- The school will assess each individual case and, if necessary, arrange for somebody to attend the house to see if the child can be located.
- A record will be made of any such visit and determine if further action is required.
- If we still cannot make contact to ascertain why the child is absent, we will ring the PCSO or escalate to the police.

It is your responsibility to let the school know if your child is absent. Please ring the school before 9.00am and leave a message on the answerphone or speak to the Admin Team. This needs to be done on each day of absence. Please ensure that the contact details we have on our records are up-to-date and include more than one contact. It is important that phone calls from school are not missed.

The safety of our children and their families is of paramount importance to us. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk

Please arrive at school in plenty of time before 9.00am to give your child a settled and happy start to their day.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg