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Worship and Liturgy -

In This Sunday's gospel we hear Jesus tells the disciples that anyone who is not against him, who is not Jesus' enemy, is his friend. And Jesus says that anyone who treats people well because they follow him will be loved by him and be rewarded in heaven. What this means is that Jesus is our friend and cares for us all. We are asking the children this week to show how they are followers of Jesus by living out the gospel values and virtues in all we do. I will be asking the children to think about:

How can we show that we follow Jesus?

Celebrations this week

Attendance for the Whole school is 95.50%	Top class for attendance is Foundation 98.48%
<p>Crew Member of the Week</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amelia- Sailor Sam for remembering RE learning from last year. 2. Grace - Admiral Anne for her creativity in writing 3 Harper - Sailor Sam for remember the different conjunctions we have learned 4 Gabriel - Captain Cain for superb effort in his English lessons. 5 Marlee - Captain Cain for excellent explaining in Maths 6 -Gracie - Captain Cain effort supporting the adults in school 	
<p>Witness of the Week -Prudence </p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Tommy 2. -Vanessa 3 Mieszko 4 - Hunter 5 - Junior 6 - Rebecca 	

This week we had a visit from our Education and Standards Manager from the Trust. She spent a lot of time looking at children's work and speaking to school staff to get a real understanding of the school. Like me, she is new to the school this year so it was a good opportunity to find the aspects of the school that are working really well and those that need some development.



Next Friday we are walking for CAFOD. Children will be allowed

to wear MUFTI clothes in exchange for a donation of non-perishable items, such as tinned and packeted food. This will all be collected in preparation for our Harvest festival the following week.

I hate to mention this word in September - but it's that time of year again! On Monday we are having an assembly from the Catholic Children's Society about designing a Christmas Card. We will send children home with more information on Monday and ask that if you wish to take part, you return their designs to school by **6th October** so we can send them off. The winning designs in each category will be printed as Christmas Cards and Sold in Plymouth. All monies raised from the sales of the christmas card goes towards supporting local children.



School Council

This is an important aspect of school life. It is vital that we give the children a voice. My children now attend St. Joseph's and they love it - but listening to some of their conversations about school life are so interesting. When I ask the children the question of how school can be improved, I often get an answer along the lines of, 'Build a swimming pool,' or "Have playtime all day." However, there are things about school that we could improve if we listen to the children's



This week's news



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ideas. If your child has an idea, tell them to go and speak to their school councillor in their class who will take their ideas to the next meeting.

A huge congratulations to the following children who were elected as their classes' school councillors and will be working with Mrs Spry to make our school even better throughout the year!

EYFS - Messi and Lillie

Year 1- Beau and Max

Year 2 - Dolly and

Year 3 - Rupert and Mawgan

Year 4 - Hunter and Lena W

Year 5 - Connie and Maciej

Year 6 - Finlay and Lottie

Friends of St. Joseph's

We need YOU! I have had a couple of parents who have kindly come forward to offer their services to help us raise money throughout the year. If you think you would be able to offer your time and support, please do let me know.

Parents' views

Like the school council, it is important to us to hear your views. I will soon be sending out a questionnaire to gather your thoughts about us as a school. It is important that your voices are also heard.

Social Media

As well as Facebook, we have set up the school's Twitter account too. If you are on Twitter - give us a follow.

Bikeability

Year 6 children and our Foundation children have had a great week on their bikes. The instructors were extremely impressed with their attitude and ability. Well done to all of them for representing our school in such a positive way.

Dates for your diaries

1st October - Family Fast day - food donations please - non perishables.

6th October - Deadline for the Christmas Card Competition

7th October - Whole School Harvest Mass 11am St. Joseph's Church.

18th October - School photos. Individuals and siblings.

19th and 20th October - Parents Evenings.

22nd October - Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

1st November - **SCHOOL CLOSED STAFF TRAINING.**

2nd November - First day of Autumn 2 Term

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner.

EMAILS TO PARENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise. We have had some technical difficulties and as a result our class emails, school emails and newsletters have not been received. While we get this back up



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and running, please make sure to get your class and school information from our website
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