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Worship and Liturgy -
In This Sunday's gospel
Jesus asks the disciples
'Who do people say I am?'
They explain that the
people think he is Elijah and

other old Testament prophets. Jesus asks the disciples who do **you** say I am and Peter explains that he knows he is the son of God, Christ. Jesus explains what is going to happen to him, that he is going to die and Peter finds this difficult to accept. Peter feels afraid that Jesus might leave them and he wants to protect Jesus from harm because he cares about him. Jesus tells him that God wants this to happen and we must trust in God.

It is sometimes hard to do what God wants us to do, just like it was for Peter, because we are afraid, and we do not want to get hurt, or for those that we love to be hurt. The gospel ends with Jesus asking everyone to follow him. Jesus tells us that it will not always be easy to follow him, but that we must have courage, because God will always be with us. This week we are asking the children to have the courage to walk in Jesus footsteps, to follow his path and to trust in his ways.

How can you be courageous this week?

Celebrations this week

Crew Member of the Week

- 1 Jeshvine - Commander Kim for great problem solving in maths.
2. Ava for reflection
- 3 Sebastian - Admiral Anne for a fantastic limerick.
- 4 Jayce - Sailor Sam for perseverance and resilience with his English and maths.
- 5 Laila - Captain Cain for her effort in maths.
- 6 - Thushalan - Captain Cain effort across the whole week

Witness of the Week - Temperance



- 1 - Whole class
2. Amelia
- 3 Mawgan
- 4 - Alan

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| 5 - Josie
6 - Joseph |
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Open Days

Parents of children in year 6 will soon need to put their applications into their chosen secondary school. Secondary schools at this time of year have open evening sessions which would be really beneficial to attend with your child to help inform your choice. This would also be good for the year 5 children and parents too. The open evenings that we know about are:

Notre Dame on Wednesday 15th September at 4pm

St Boniface's on Wednesday 22nd September at 4pm - 7pm

Stoke Damerel Community College on Wednesday 15th September at 6pm.

Home Learning

Please take time to look at your child's class webpage. There are updates about the curriculum for this term as well as information about homework.

RSE

Last year we explained that there was a new HRE curriculum (Health and Relationships Education) and consulted with you about this. This year sees the first year of compulsory teaching of this new curriculum across the country. For those who are new to the school or anyone who would like to refresh themselves with the curriculum, please see the link on our website for more details. [HRE Curriculum](#).

Uniform

Uniform message: Take 2! I apologise for this second reminder in as many weeks but I have had parents asking about the uniform policy. It seems (and I am not sure why) that there is a discrepancy in our uniform policy. Every new child that joins St. Joseph's gets given information in a welcome pack. The uniform letter states clearly that plain navy or black shoes must be worn, yet on the website, it says that trainers (plain black) are acceptable. I am not sure why or how the subtle difference has come about. I will be speaking with the Senior Leadership Team and the



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School Council over the next couple of weeks to discuss this issue. For now, if you have purchased plain black trainers for school, this is acceptable however shoes are preferable. What it does state though on both the website and the letter is that white shirts/blouses (not polo shirts) are to be worn. Please can I ask that you all do your bit in helping our children look smart. If you are struggling financially for this, please come and see the office and we will be able to help.

DT Food Week

What a great way to start our first full week back by having a DT focused Food Week. The children have been fully engaged throughout the week learning about various food origins, healthy eating, how food is made and of course - tasting sessions!

Whole School Mass

On Wednesday, the whole school attended Mass at the church and met Father Victor for the first time. He is new to the parish and led a mass which was another new 'first' for some of our children. The child's etiquette was excellent considering we are out of practice as a whole school. Each week a class will attend Mass at 11am on a Wednesday - parents are welcome to attend mass with us if you would like to.