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Worship and Liturgy -



It was a special moment yesterday as the whole school gathered in the hall for Liturgy. The message from Isaiah's reading was not to be afraid - a timely message that we

should embrace being together again and be excited about the opportunities that lie ahead this year. The singing was a real joy to be part of too.

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear once again, about Jesus as a miracle worker. He meets a man who is both deaf and dumb, Jesus heals this man. We will be talking to the children this week about how they can be miracle workers. How they can change someone, even with the smallest of acts. We will be encouraging children to listen carefully to open their ears to the word of God and to use their words wisely to spread his love.



Our question will focus on:

How can I work miracles for others?



Welcome!

Hello and welcome back. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was great to

see so many familiar faces yesterday as well as some new. I have set myself a challenge to know all of the children by the end of next week!

We welcome Foundation class and Mr Davies and Mr Foster to our St. Joseph's family. Our new staff will be joining year 4.

I have spent both Thursday and Friday in both schools as I started my new role. I want to thank Mrs Penman and the team who have been brilliant ensuring the school runs smoothly whilst I am at The Cathedral School. It is a new venture for us all and one that will only work with a strong staff team so a big thank you to them all.

Uniform

One thing I was immensely proud of being at St. Joseph's was the high standards of uniform at the school. When our children are in the correct

uniform, they look incredible! Yesterday, watching children come into the hall looking so smart gave me a really great feeling. There were pockets of children who were not wearing the correct uniform. Please can I ask and remind you all to spend this weekend ensuring that children have the right clothes for school - this includes footwear and ties. Our uniform policy is on our website under the parents tab for anyone who is unsure. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. Remember that we have a 'Pre Loved' uniform supply if you find that you need anything. Please see Mrs Putman for this.

Keeping children safe

At St. Joseph's, we are fully committed to keeping children safe whilst they are with us in school. This year, we have a child joining us whose immune system is extremely vulnerable. Although we have taken every precaution necessary to keep them safe at school and ensure they have a fully inclusive education we also need you all to do your bit. For example, if your child is poorly and too unwell for school - keep them at home to minimise the risk to others. Please also keep us informed as to the type of illness that your child has, even if it is initially something that you just suspect i.e. your child has spots and you think it might be chicken pox. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Bikes It is great to see so many children cycling to school - well done. There are bike racks provided for your children's bikes outside

of Miss Melley's classroom. Please ensure that the bikes are stored in the racks so that the ramp exit is clear for wheelchairs.

Covid updates



Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay have been designated as Covid Enhanced Response Areas (ERA).

Whereas we are in a position to be 'back to normal', cases are so high in the South West we must still be cautious. Because of this and whilst we remain in an ERA, staff and visitors will be required to wear face coverings in



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communal areas. The guidance says that this will be for the next five weeks but will be reviewed in two weeks time so until we are otherwise instructed, these precautions will be in place.