



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2021



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

St Francis	Tilly
St Clare	Shayla-Mai
St Vincent	Heidi
St Teresa	Barney
St Oscar Rom.	Jack G

CONGRATULATIONS! We were delighted to hear about the safe arrival of Harper Holdway. Congratulations Callum & Louis on the birth of your sister and to all the family. We wish you all the very best with your new bundle of joy.

Important Notice—School Lunches

If your child has a school meal at lunch time you will be aware that since September 2020 you need to order and pay via Sims Pay by the end of Saturday for the coming week.

Up until this term we have tried where possible to help parents order meals if they have forgotten to do so by the end of Saturday, or they have had problems logging in to SIMS Pay.

From this term, our school kitchen is cooking meals for another school as well as for our own pupils. This change means that it is essential that the kitchen has the meal numbers for the week in advance.

To give you additional time to set up SIMS Pay, you can do your child's choice for the full week to Mrs Hobart by Saturday. Please contact the office if you need assistance with SIMS Pay.

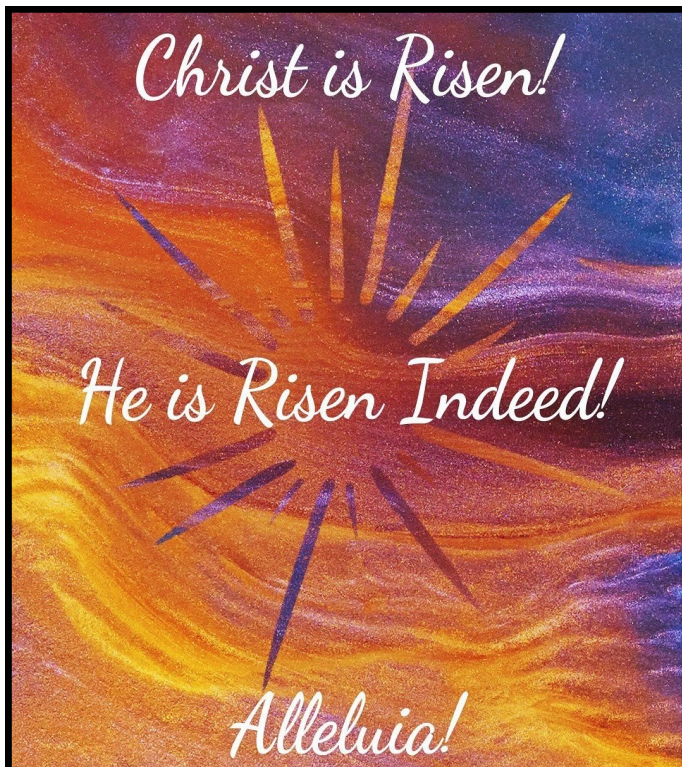
From Monday 3rd May, if you have not ordered and paid for your child's meal by the end of Saturday for the coming week via SIMS Pay, we will not be able to provide a meal for your child. In these circumstances, we will contact you to bring a packed lunch into school.

27 April	Forest School	Reception & St Clare
3 May	Bank Holiday	
4 May	Forest School	Reception & St Clare



<https://www.gdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=80879-34432-26193143>

Plymouth CAST are inviting all parents to complete an online survey by Wednesday 5th May.



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Ofsted Monitoring Inspection

At the beginning of March we had an additional remote monitoring inspection by two of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. The report can be found on the front page of the school's website and will be published on the Ofsted website with the next couple of days.

The inspectors made the judgement that that **leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances.**

There are many positives to draw from the report:

- Despite the disruption of Covid-19 our commitment to drive whole-school improvement has not faltered.
- Providing staff with substantial training to develop their subject knowledge in English and mathematics is paying dividends.
- That after the first lockdown, when all pupils returned in September 2020, staff identified the gaps in pupils' knowledge and understanding and immediately readjusted teaching plans to resolve any missed learning. By the end of the autumn term these actions had helped many pupils to improve their writing, and remember their number facts, with greater accuracy than before.
- We have been quick in upskilling staff and pupils in using new digital technologies to strengthen the school's remote education offer.
- We are making headway in upgrading the whole-school approach to teaching reading. Many pupils are benefiting from a more challenging reading curriculum. It is helping them gain a greater understanding of what they read.

It is pleasing to note many of the positive comments about what is in place at St Joseph's for our children. This is a big achievement since the school was last inspected in February 2020.

A big thank you needs to go to all the children, parents, families, staff and governors for their hard work over the past year.



Class Quizzing Averages

★ St Teresa of Calcutta	86%
St Clare	83.6%
St Oscar Romero	79.2%
SVdP	79%

Top word readers (Highest pupil in Year)

★ Year 5 (Joseph Ritchie)	3 160 769 (878 174)
Year 6 (Jack Mariadas)	2 342 012 (315 974)
Year 3 (Isla McKinley)	778 356 (269 116)
Year 4 (Imogen Voisey)	560 121 (130 629)

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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: Stephen Riedlinger