



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

21st May 2021



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

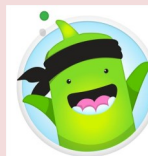
St Francis	Jonah	Gracie
St Clare	Mia	Marcus
St Vincent	Jessica	Logan
St Teresa	Jack	Charlie
St Oscar Rom.	Paige	Lexxi

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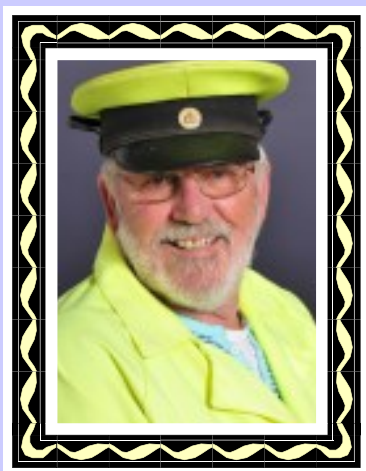
This is our payment system. We currently have 85% of our families using this system, which is fantastic. If you have not already created your account, then don't despair! Contact the office for your logon details. And just a reminder that school meals for Y3-6 now cost £2.40 per day. School meals should be paid for in advance and ordered by the end of the previous Saturday. Thank you.

Class Dojo



This is our teacher to parent communication app. We have 98.5% of parents registered. This is a messaging system and enables teachers to keep in touch with parents direct. For class activities and one to one messages, this is the most likely method of communication. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you still need to get set up.

Congratulations and Thank you!



On the 2nd June, during half term, Francis Tadd Clarke will have been working as the School Crossing Patrol for ten years! Although not employed by the school, Francis is very much part of the school family and we appreciate him very much. Francis not only works very hard helping our families to cross the road safely but also mends, toilets, taps, gates; makes crosses to order and put up all the pegs for St Oscar Romero—all for free! Thank you Francis!

Dates for the term are on the school website.

25 May	Forest School	Reception & St Clare
26 May	School Photographer	
28 May	Break up for Half Term	
7 June	Non Pupil Day	
8 June	Return to school	
8 June	Forest School	Reception & St Oscar
18 June	Non Uniform Day Catholic Children's society	

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Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school to take sibling photographs and Year 6 and R class photographs on Wednesday 26th May. They will not be taking individual photographs on this occasion.

They will be taking photos outside and will be at the school from 8.15am.

The company are unable to produce the 'vista' style photographs that we have requested over the past few years, due to their COVID risk assessments, but are still able to offer the more traditional style photographs.

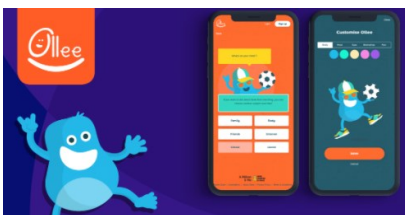
Please ensure that, if your child is unwell and can't attend school, you phone the School Office on 01626 352559 before 9.30 am, email admin@sjna.uk, or send a Dojo message to Mrs Hobart.



Please can you inform the office if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, email address or doctors. This is very important. Many thanks.



Online wellbeing support for 11 years +



<https://app.ollee.org.uk/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/parents-helpline/>

YOUNGmINDS

Non uniform day in support of
Catholic Children's Society

St Aloysius Day

£1 donation to wear yellow, blue and white

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE 2021

St Aloysius is the patron saint of Christian Youth and Young Students. He served the sick and cared for those who were poorly.

Please support CCSP to help us to help local children in need.



Please donate £1 in aid of the CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Charity no. 282803



Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

This Sunday marks Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church. We commemorate the disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit, giving them the courage to go out and tell everyone about Jesus.



**"Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you."**

Mark 20: 19 - 23

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Knowledge Organisers

After half term we are trialling knowledge organisers to support children's learning in History and Geography.

What is a 'Knowledge Organiser'?

Knowledge organisers are designed to do exactly what they say: organise knowledge. At St Joseph's, we will use the knowledge organisers to support teachers, children and parents in having a shared understanding of the most important information we want our pupils to learn within the unit of work they are studying. A copy will be sent home to parents.

The purpose of a knowledge organiser is to outline the following:

- Key dates
- Key people
- Key events
- Key vocabulary and definitions
- Key concepts – in 'child-friendly' language

How do they help children?

- They contain essential knowledge that children need to cover in the unit and are shared at the beginning so children know what they are going to be learning
- They help children to remember key dates; key people; key events; vocabulary and definitions; key concepts
- They can be used as a fun assessment tool to help remember units of study
- They improve their ability to remember facts and information
- They help children to develop other skills- e.g. when writing a non-fiction report, if they already have the knowledge they can focus on the writing skills

How do they help parents?

- Parents will have a better understanding of what the children need to know in each unit they are studying;
- They allow parents to build on children's knowledge at home;
- Provide an easy tool for parents to quiz children at home (and for children to quiz parents!)

Staff and pupils will be reviewing the effectiveness of the knowledge organisers over the next half term to consider their use in the new school year. Any comments or thoughts from parents will be welcomed. The knowledge organisers will be sent home after half term.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

Benjamin Franklin

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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