

Leaving children alone in a car

A few parents have recently approached the school about their concerns regarding children/ babies being left alone in a car for a few minutes whilst a parent drops off an elder child to school. This is a contentious issue and people will have different opinions about whether they themselves would leave the child in the car in such situations. E.g. when you pay for petrol at the garage.

It is illegal to leave a child alone if doing so places them at risk. UK law is not specific about this but leaves decision making to parents.

The government recommends that parents consider the following advice from the NSPCC:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 shouldn't be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

The school will always act in the best interests of children safety and well-being.

Hormones and Harmony

Making sense of the approaching teenage years - A short course for the parents of pre-teen children starting on

**Tuesday 18th September
2018 6.00pm to 7.30pm**

Further details: contact Emma Wilson or the school office

Attendance

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

29th Jun-5th Jul	OAK	98.1%
6th-12th Jul	ASH	98.9%



As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers:

- **our parishioners** who hear children read;
- **John Daly** and **Tom Barnes** from Newton Abbot Art Group who have been working with KS2;
- all the **parents** who willingly help on school trips or in school and supported fundraising events.

The staff and children of St Joseph's value your help and support. Thank you.

We would like to thank **Lynsey Hart** for being a 'Friend' to the end, and helping us organise fundraisers to support the work of the school.

We also thank Lynsey's parents for all their

hard work with the 'Friends' both this year and over the past years.



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Sustrans Bronze Award

On Thursday 12th July, the school received the Sustrans Bronze School Mark award at a special celebration event. This prestigious award is given to schools that have worked hard to bring about organisational, cultural and behavioural changes which help the school community choose to travel in more active and sustainable ways.

We were delighted to welcome Andrei Burton, one of the UK's most successful mountain bike trials riders, to the celebration event. He wowed the children and staff with his incredible display of mountain bike stunts and skills.

Thank you to Miss Hannaford, for leading this scheme in school and to Helen Morse, Sustrans Active Travel Officer, who has supported us along the way.



Welcome to Rachel Hunter



Mrs Hunter will be joining us to teach Puffin Class in September. She joins us from Berry Pomeroy Primary School. We look forward to welcoming Rachel to St Joseph's.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach a new school year, many parents will already be purchasing items of school uniform. At St Joseph's, part of our identity is our school uniform, and we pride ourselves in this. Therefore, I urge parents to ensure that children are sent to school wearing the correct uniform in September. The required school uniform, including the correct PE kit is:

GIRLS

Navy blue or grey knee length skirt
Navy blue or grey trousers
Sky blue blouse or polo shirt
Navy blue embroidered sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
Blue & white dress in the summer
Black school shoes

BOYS

Grey trousers
Sky blue shirt or polo shirt
Navy blue embroidered sweatshirt or jumper
Grey shorts in the summer
Black school shoes

PE Kit for Girls and Boys

Navy blue shorts
White t-shirt or polo shirt
Suitable trainers
Tracksuits may be worn in the winter
*PE kits should be available in school every day & clearly marked with the child's name.



Our school uniform is available to buy online from F&F at Tesco.



The link to the school site will be available on the school website.

The school receives a 5% cash donation on your purchase. The school jumpers and polo shirts are embroidered with the school logo.

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school/16598.school?source=others>

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Saint for a Day

Sarah Adams, our Plymouth CAST RE Advisor, will be leaving her post in the summer after working and supporting all the schools in the diocese for over 15 years. She has worked closely with our RE Leader, supported all new teachers who work in our school and regularly visited us to get to know our children.

In 2010 Pope Benedict visited the UK. Many of our schools were represented at Twickenham where he spoke to our young people. On this occasion he told the young people that they were all called to be saints! This is God's call to each of us. Pope Francis calls us to proclaim the joy of the gospel.

With all this in mind, instead of a leaving gift Sarah has requested that we support her in raising money by encouraging the children to be a saint for the day! For Sarah's part, she will walk The Saints' Way in Cornwall over 2 days (60 miles!), praying all the way for our schools.

On Thursday 19th July we are asking the children to come dressed as a saint for the day in return for a donation which we will donate to Sarah's very special charity, which in fact is our school nominated charity W.O.R.K. <http://www.work-kenya.org/>

If you need inspiration, someone kindly provided us with the following link:

<http://www.catholicallyear.com/2015/11/over-150-more-all-saints-day-costumes.html>



What is the Summer Reading Challenge?



The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. The challenge is an excellent way to prevent a 'summer reading dip' and develop a lifelong love of reading for all the family.

How the Challenge works?

- Children read six library books of their choice collecting stickers and incentives along the way
- Library staff are on hand to advise and run fun family activities.

Sign up at you local library

- Visit www.summertimechallenge.org.uk and Devon libraries pages at www.devon.gov.uk/zone

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Torbay and Devon Civic Award at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

On Wednesday 4th July, pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Newton Abbot, were presented with the Torbay and Devon Civic Award at a ceremony at Cuthbert Mayne School. The certificates were awarded to successful pupils by the Chair of Devon County Council.

The Torbay and Devon Civic Award does a great deal to develop children's character. It encourages them to be compassionate and to take responsibility for positive change. It supports them in leading purposeful and full lives and is great preparation for both secondary school and the workplace. This is the second year the Year 6 children of St Joseph's have taken part, and they report that working towards the award has supported them to work collaboratively and independently, supported the development of managing and organising events and that it makes them feel 'grown up'.

To achieve the award, which is based on the Duke Of Edinburgh Award scheme, pupils had to produce evidence to meet a number of challenges. The five main areas were:

Active Citizenship in their school community

Active Citizenship in their home communities

An active hobby

A non-active hobby

A Residential experience and adventure training

St Joseph's children also adopted a cause or charity which they felt strongly about. They researched it and found ways of supporting it such as: count the sweets in a jar, buy a brick, raffles and bake sales. They kept evidence for this in a portfolio which included photographs, certificates and diary entries of which all the children were very proud of. Finally, the children had to pass a rigorous assessment and present all their evidence to an external assessor.

We are very proud of our Year 6 children's achievements on their path to becoming Good Citizens.

"It's made me more independent. It makes you realise how to make yourself a better citizen."

"I enjoyed helping in my community because it brought out my bright side."

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Top Quizzing Results	
Sean Palmer	99.1%
Kayla Quainoo	98.6%
Eliana Quainoo	96.5%
Phoebe Seaman	95.9%
Eliza Kubien	95.5%

Class Quizzing Averages	
Elm	88.4%
Maple	77.9%
Ash	78.5%
Birch	79.5%
Willow	87.5%



The children really enjoyed their skipping workshops this week. Visit the website to find out more about skipping to keep fit.

<http://skip2bfit.com>

Skipping ropes are on sale at the office for £5.

Newton in Bloom Painting Competition

Congratulations also to:

**Nurse & foundation: Amelia Thompson
(3rd Place)**

The children were invited to attend Mr Biscuits for their presentation .



SPORTS DAY

Parents are invited to join us for our Sports Day on the field at Newton Abbot College on **Tuesday 24th July from 9.30-am—12.00pm. Bring your own picnic blanket or chair and cheer on the children.**

After all the races, you are welcome to come back to school with us for a picnic lunch with your child followed by the presentations before the normal school day resumes in the afternoon.

 * We thank you God for... *
 * Every prayer we have prayed *
 * Every song we have sung *
 * All the things we have learned *
 * All the laughter and fun *
 * Thank you for all the joy you bring *
 * And our wonderful times together *
 * May we walk with you as each new day begins *
 * This moment and forever *
 * Amen. *

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

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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: Claire Hawkings

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonburg