



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

9th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back into school this week. We have been excited to have the classes full again and the children are enjoying catching up with their friends and getting back into the routine of the school day.

Arrangements for the children's school day were sent out on 5th March and are also on our website.

We are following a revised risk assessment and continue to remain careful and cautious. Our risk assessment has been signed off by Plymouth CAST, with the original template written by Devon County Council and signed off by Public Health England.

Ofsted

On Thursday 4th March, St Joseph's remotely welcomed two Ofsted inspectors to our school.

This was a monitoring inspection to ensure that leaders are taking effective action in providing education during the current circumstances. Thank you so much for all your kind and supportive words and for taking the time to send in emails or complete the online surveys. We look forward to sharing the report with you in the near future.



Next newsletter: Friday 26th March 2021

All newsletters are available on the school website.

Rock Down Relief!

To mark the awesome date that is 12th March 2021 (12-3-21, which reads the same forward as backwards) and to make maths exciting

and high profile in our school, we are holding a Battle of the Bands (an in-school times tables competition) in aid of Red Nose Day. It is part of a UK-wide Rock Down Relief event run by Times Tables Rock Stars and will be the biggest times tables event in the country ever!

Starting on Friday 12th March and ending on Thursday 18th March 2021, the whole competition is done online.

To help raise money for Red Nose Day, **we invite all children to come to school dressed as a 'Rock Star'** on Friday 12th March in exchange for a small donation. (KS1 and EYFS are going to have a day of number competitions too!) Donations can be made at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Joseph-s-Catholic-Primary-School1>

or by scanning the QR code.

Thanks for your support



School Dinner menus from 8th March.

The menu is available on SIMS Pay for you to order your child's school dinner. This needs to be done by midnight Saturday of the preceding week. You can order in advance right up to the Easter Holidays.

Please contact Mrs Hobart in the school office if you experience problems. Thank you.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.



Pope Francis has proclaimed this year 'The Year of Joseph' (8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021). During this time, will be spending time thinking about St Joseph and praying to Him.

Celebrating the life of St Joseph, and calling on him for help, is particularly relevant in this time of universal turmoil when so many are having difficulty finding employment, when we are becoming more aware of how much we owe to so many ordinary, hardworking people, and when our human frailty is so much in our minds and in the news. We are reminded that we have a powerful ally in Heaven who, having lived and worked so long in the shadows like so many unsung heroes, is working tirelessly for us and with us in the here and now.

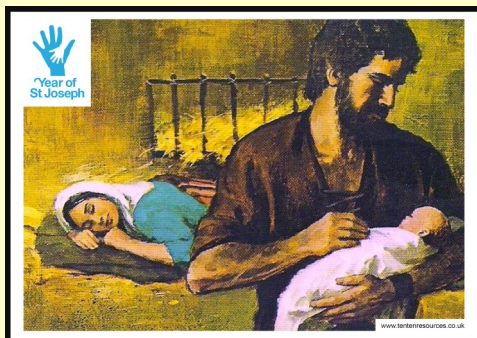
Jesus, son of God, bless my family.

**Mary, mother of Jesus,
keep my family close to your son.**

**Joseph, foster-father of Jesus,
keep my family safe from harm.**

Holy Family, make my family one with you.

Amen



St Joseph's Day (19th March)

On Friday 19th March, as well as being one of the days we celebrate St Joseph, it is also Red Nose Day and this is the focus for our Lenten fundraising this year. We intend to celebrate this day in the following ways:

- An act of worship celebrating St Joseph in all classes on this day.
- Daily litany to St Joseph introduced to all classes for the remainder of the year.
- Help get the UK smiling, one household at a time by sending home the 'share a smile' poster.
- Children are invited to **DONATE TO DRESS UP** - choose or create a superhero and pay a



small fee to dress up for the day.

Scan the QR code to donate online.

Prayer to St Joseph

Guardian of the Holy Family and patron of our school.

Teach us to love Jesus and Mary

Teach us to see Jesus in others and be like you:

Unselfish, loving,
patient, hardworking
and true.

Help us to live for
God, day by day in
faith and trust. Amen



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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