



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

9th October 2020



Year 6 Parents

You should have received details about how to apply online for a secondary school place for your child. You need to apply for a school place online by 31st October.

If we can be of any help in the process please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hobart in the school office. As always it is crucial that applications are received by the deadline of 31st October. Online applicants will receive immediate confirmation of their preferences, but can change their minds any time until midnight on 31st October, and can log in to see their offers on the morning of Monday 1st March 2021.

Please apply at: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

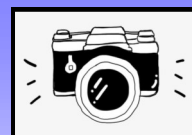
Detailed information on how to apply for your child's transfer to Secondary Education in September 2021 can be found at: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

SIMS Pay

Thank you for your patience with the Sims Pay System for the payment and ordering of meals. Hopefully the glitches will all soon be sorted and it will prove to be the efficient and time saving system it offers. One account links to all your children attending the school. **Parents should order their child's lunches and make payment by Saturday for the forthcoming week.** The kitchen manager cooks to order and so late requests for meals cannot always be the child's first choice of meal. **If you have forgotten to pre-order a lunch please contact the school by 9.30a.m. or provide a packed lunch.**

School Photos

On Monday 12th October, Tempest photography will be in school to take children's school photographs.



This year, due to COVID-19, they can only take individual shots, as we are unable to mix class bubbles.

There will no PE lessons on Monday 12th October so that all children can come to school in their school uniform for their photos.

Devon Domestic Abuse Support Services

Do you feel safe at home?
No excuse for abuse



Please call the Helpline

0345 155 1074

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

28th Sept.—2nd Oct. St Vincent 98%

St Oscar 97.8%

5th Oct.—9th Oct. St Oscar 98.7%

St Vincent 97.2%

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

Wildflower Bank project

Year 5 welcomed Paul Martin from Devon Wildlife Trust to give them advice about developing the grassy bank along the carpark into a haven for wildlife.

The children are keen to introduce more wild flowers and develop habitats to benefit insects and pollinators.



This will be a long term project and we look forward to updates along the way.

Remote Learning

Whilst spellings, tables and reading will always be part of our home learning diet we plan to develop home learning so that we offer greater opportunity for online learning.

Over the last month, we have concentrated on getting the children familiar with the routine and structures of school life as well as supporting them to renew their friendships with one another.

After half term we will be introducing the children to online learning with IXL. The children will have a log in for IXL, which is a personalised learning platform for English and mathematics. Your child will be supplied with log in details. Please do use this resource as it is very much similar to an online tutor.



Please remember, we are with you every step of the way. Contact us via Class Dojo and we will be here to help you.

Flu Vaccinations - 3rd November

Children in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination in the Autumn term. These will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time. We are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the [link](https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon) to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. Further information can be found at

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon> If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team at the Single Point of Access (SPA). 0300 247 0082 immunisations@nhs.net

Dates

12th October	School Photographer in school
23rd October	Break up for half term
26th - 30th October HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
2nd November	Non-pupil day
3rd November	St Teresa Y5 Forest School
10th November	St Teresa Y5 Forest School
13th November	St Clare Y2/3 Swimming
16th November	Anti-Bullying Week

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jessica Coleman for the very kind donations of new plimsolls for St Francis class and t-shirts and masks for forest school.

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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: Tim Van Kroonenburg

**"God, who called you out of darkness
into his own marvellous light." 1 Peter 2:9**



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Our main form of communication with parents is via Class Dojo. If you do not have a log-in please contact the school office.

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 23rd October 2020 All newsletters are available to view on the school website.



ClassDojo

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

**"God, who called you out of darkness
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God, you call us out of darkness.
May we hear your voice
in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis.

As you walk alongside us always,
may we walk beside one another
listening and responding in love.

Shine the light of your compassion through us,
dispelling chaos, fear and despair.
Breathe hope and courage into all our hearts
as we work together to rebuild once more.

Strengthen us, Lord, and keep us steadfast.
Bring healing and comfort to all
and lead us renewed into your marvellous light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

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Does your child have language and literacy difficulties? Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects 7-10% of children, causing them to struggle in their learning of oral language as well as impacting on their literacy development.

If you would like to learn more about DLD, and language needs in general, including how to support your child at home and how to access further information, please join us for this free, annual training event taking place in recognition of National DLD Awareness Day. This year our session will be virtual.

An advisory teacher and a speech and language therapist from the Communication and Interaction Team will lead this informal session. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

Wednesday, 14th October 2020
Online (virtual session)
13:30 – 15:00

To book your free place, please contact: Sue Vanstone
sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com