



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

16th July 2021



Stars of the Week

St Francis	Zander	Elouise
St Clare	Penny	Reece
St Vincent	Amelia T	Millie
St Teresa	Inka/Harry	Emy-Lee
St Oscar Rom.	Harry	Riley

COVID-19 restrictions Despite the Government announcement that all restrictions will be lifted from Monday 19th July, our Trust, PlymouthCAST, has taken the following decision to protect our staff, children and visitors.

- Our current risk assessment and control measures, including bubbles, will remain in place until the end of the Summer Term.
- Children or staff with a positive test will need to self-isolate, but we will not automatically send the whole bubble home. Following a positive case in a bubble, the school will seek advice, undertake a best-endendeavours risk assessment, contact trace evaluation of adults, children in that bubble, and any individuals judged to be close contacts will be asked to self-isolate, be tested etc. This may mean that a whole bubble needs to be sent home.

There have been many changes to the life of the school over the past sixteen months some have been beneficial, and we will keep, and some we have endured. Detailed guidance for September, will be prepared and shared with parents nearer the start of the new school year.

Dear Parents/ Carers

As this is the last newsletter for the school year I wish to personally thank all of the staff, parents, governors and children for your support and hard work, throughout another school year impacted by Covid. It is really appreciated.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of my wonderful staff, who work at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, you make it a very special place. Thank-you for your incredible hard work, drive, enthusiasm and positivity. I am privileged to lead such a fantastic team and I am sure that you will all join me in wishing every one of them a well-deserved break over the Summer holidays.

On behalf of the whole school community, staff and governors, I wish the Year 6s all the best for the future. May they be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

St Joseph pray for us.

St Joseph pray for them

With every best wish,

Kelly Dunne

Y6 Leavers' Mass On Thursday 8th July, Y6 joined the PlymouthCAST Leavers' Mass online at the Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Boniface, Plymouth. Bishop Mark led the mass, which was shared live with the all 35 schools, within the Trust. Y6 parents and families were able to join via an online link.

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ART@ST. JOSEPH'S



Year 5 enjoyed a whole day of art, working alongside the artist Anna Boland. The workshop was a [Helen Foundation](#) supported event, facilitated by [DAISI](#).

The children explored our Catholic Virtues and produced large acrylic and multi-media canvases incorporating their designs and ideas. They will take pride of place in the school and help us as we focus on learning about the Catholic Virtues and embedding them in our lives.

The children really enjoyed their day, which was able to happen thanks to the generosity of The Helen Foundation, an arts-based charity to support and motivate young people in Teignbridge.



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YEAR 6 SLEEPOVER

Year 6 had a great time at their sleepover last Friday, although Mrs Wilson would debate whether there was any sleep involved! On behalf of all the children, and their parents, we thank Mrs Wilson and Miss Mortimore for giving up their Friday evening to support this fun event.



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Staff Changes

We say thank you and good-bye to Mrs Wilkes. Mrs Wilkes has worked as Meal Time Assistant in the school since 2014. We are grateful for her commitment to happy and safe playtimes and wish her all the very best for the future.

SIMS Pay is changing names - its new name is Pay360 Education Payments

The system you use to make payments to school is changing names. From 26th July SIMS Pay will be known as Pay360 Education Payments.

- The way you make payments will remain the same - you'll just notice a different logo (Pay360 by Capita) on the login page and in the portal.
- The link to log in will be updated to pay360educationpayments.com
- When you make a payment, you'll notice the details on your card statement will show as 'Pay360*school_name' (rather than 'Capita*school_name').
- We would recommend that you add the new email address:
noreply@pay360educationpayments.com
to your contacts/whitelist to ensure the emails are not marked as spam.



Please ensure that any money owing in respect of school lunches is paid by 23rd July and wraparound care by 30th July 21.

Safeguarding

During the holidays, if you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, you can contact Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: **0345 155 1071** or email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can. If a child is at immediate risk, contact the police on 999.

School uniform 2021-22

- **Grey** trousers or **Grey** pinafore or knee-length skirt
- **White** shirt or blouse and navy blue tie*
- **V Necked Navy blue logo-embroidered **** sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey or white socks
- Black school shoes

PE Kit: Navy blue shorts
White t-shirt or polo shirt
Blue tracksuit bottoms
Suitable trainers

*Available from the school office

**Logo embroidered uniform is available to buy from MYclothing.com or parents may obtain a badge from the school office that can be sewn on at home.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Devon Norse

Helen, our kitchen manager, apologies for the changes to menus over the last couple of days. Devon Norse' suppliers have been greatly impacted by staff having to self isolate and on some days we have had to make small menu changes. This is likely to continue until the end of term.

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Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Wild World Heroes

Saturday 10th July to Friday 10th September

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge's Wild World Heroes will celebrate the environment, explore nature, and find ways to save the planet.

Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Wild World Heroes, a team of young heroes and their animal companions who are taking action to save the natural world. This year's theme encourages children to think about the environment, while reading any books of their choice – from fiction, to poetry, to comics, and more! As they read more books, children will collect stickers along the way to add to their map of Wilderville, fixing environmental problems in different areas.

Libraries across Devon and Torbay are calling for children to sign up to the Wild World Heroes Summer Challenge and read six books this summer as part of the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge.

We look forward to celebrating children's success with the challenge when we return to school in September.

To join the challenge register at:

Your local library

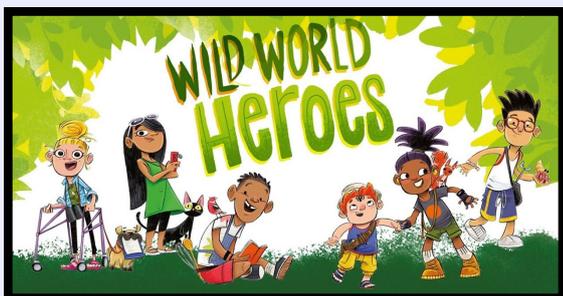
or

www.summertimechallenge.org.uk

or

Devon libraries pages at

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/children>



REDISCOVER
Summer
CLICK FOR IDEAS

Y6 Leavers

Year 6 children are invited to bring in a plain shirt to leave in the staffroom for staff to sign on Monday 19th July. We will pass them back to children on Thursday 22nd July so they can then sign each other's shirts before they take them home.



The virtual 'Leavers' Liturgy' will be sent home on Thursday 22nd July.

Prayer for the end of a school year

**O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this
school year.**

**It has been a time filled with grace and
blessings, with challenges and
opportunities, joys and sorrows.**

**Give us the rest and refreshment we need
this summer.**

**Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to Your
will,.**

**Help us return to school with a new spirit
and a new energy.**

**May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.**

Amen