



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



17th July 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have been through extraordinary times since we were all together on Friday 20th March. Pupil engagement has been very strong and we have been delighted to stay in touch with our pupils and families. I hope that you are all well.

I have the great privilege of leading a fantastic staff team and I am so proud of them all. They have, as always, gone above and beyond in their various roles to create and offer the very best to all of our children.

Our plan for the full re-opening in September will be sent home next week. As part of our preparation a parent survey will go out on Monday. The completed surveys will help us understand your child's lockdown experience and ensure that we can support them as best as possible when they return in September. I wish you all a wonderful summer, we literally cannot wait to see you all when we return to school in September.

Goodbye and good luck to all the pupils and parents who are leaving us at the end of term. May you be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

With every best wish,

Kelly Dunne

Thank you, Goodbye and Good luck! Many thanks to Sophie Scagall and Lee Avery who have worked hard to support the school in their role of governor. The community of St Joseph's benefits from the hard work and commitment of all its governors, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work, commitment and time given for the development of our school .

We wish Sophie all the very best as she concentrates on achieving her counselling diploma. Lee, Rachel, Autumn and Eliza are moving to Crediton. We wish the family all the very best. We have loved having the girls in our school but know that they will be a credit to any school. Thank you for your gift of playtime equipment for all pupils to enjoy.

In September, we will be inviting parents, guardians and carers to become one of our School Governors. This role is interesting, rewarding and extremely worthwhile. Look out for more information in the new school year.

Please ensure that any money owing in respect of school lunches and wraparound care is paid by Monday 20th July.

Thank you and good bye to Mr Dan Vile who has been a valued member of the school team this year. Mr Vile worked as a coach for Primary Sports, but will no longer work at the school in 2020/21.

Change from ISS to Devon Norse ISS have ended their catering contract with the school from the 31st July. Our new catering provider will be Devon Norse. All credit and debits with Hungry Minds will be transferred in time for the new school year by the school to SIMs Pay. More information to follow.

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St Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Kelly Dunne

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: Emma Wilson

Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenberg

School uniform 2020-21

(for more information please refer to the newsletter of 3/7/2020 or the school website.)

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 shorts or blue and white dress in the summer
Grey or white socks
Black school shoes

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

If your child still fits into their old uniform, please do not feel that you need to replace items. We just ask that when the time comes to renew the uniform, that you adhere to the uniform list above.



Torbay and Devon Civic Award

I am delighted that despite the challenges this year, thirteen of our Y6s were presented with the Torbay and Devon Civic Award. 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 third 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'.

The children had to pass a rigorous assessment and present all of their evidence. We are very proud of the children's achievements on setting an excellent example of pro-active and servant citizens.

Thank you to Mrs Soby who supported the pupils with the award.

Managing Coronavirus (COVID-19) risks in September 2020

Schools have been instructed to thoroughly review their health and safety risk assessments and draw up plans for the autumn term that address the risks identified using the system of controls set out below. These are an adapted form of the system of protective measures that will be familiar from the summer term. Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

Next week, we will publish our updated Risk Assessment on our website which you may find useful in understanding how St Joseph's is following government guidelines to protect your children when school returns to full capacity in September.

Our risk assessment will be subject to change depending on government changes to guidance and will be updated as and when it is necessary.

Thank you to all our parents who gave of your time freely this year to support us on trips, at fundraising events and helping in school.

Thank you to our parishioner, Rose The, who came to hear children read.

Thank you to our School Councillors:

William Stackhouse, Teyla Byrne, Ava-Marie Breslan, Charlie Bullock, Riley-Jay McMahon, Heidi Long, Marcus East, Angel Peacock, Samuel McLaughlin and Paige Smith.

Thank you to our House Captains: Kathryn Baker, Lacey Hibble, Freya Byrne, Ella-May Hervin, Carla East, Hallie Lofthouse, Paige Duval and William Stackhouse.

Thank you to the 'Friends' who have worked hard to raise money for the school.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2020. Let's get silly!

THE
READING
AGENCY

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MEET THE SILLY SQUAD

Join in
#SILLYSQUAD2020



Linda's Little Free Library Charter #100901

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We love reading at St Joseph's.

Until you can enjoy our new library at school, why not visit this fabulous little library at **46 Primrose Drive?**

Borrow books, enjoy reading and return them. A Little Free Library is a free book exchange. It can be used by anyone.

Why not take a photo of yourself at the library and post it. Don't forget to tag

@LindasLittleFreeLibrary

Pop along for a visit - you never know what you will find.



*"Be awesome!
Be a book
nut!"
- Dr Seuss*

*Dream Big
★ READ! ★*

Join the Silly Squad with this year's Summer Reading Challenge

Saturday 4th July to Saturday 5th September

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative designed to keep children reading through the holidays. This year's theme, The Silly Squad, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books!

Libraries are calling for children to sign up to the Silly Squad Summer Challenge and read six books this summer as part of the 2020. With the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch in a new digital format designed to keep children engaged and interested in reading.

To join the challenge register at:

www.summertimechallenge.org.uk and
Devon libraries pages at

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



A Blessing for leavers

Lord of friendship,
Who accompanied the disciples
On the road to Emmaus,
We gather here today to say farewell
To our pupils who are about to begin
The next stage on their journey.

Walk with them
As you walked with the uncertain disciples on the road,
Give them the comfort of your presence,
Help them to grow in understanding of your ways
And to know that you are with them
Even when they do not recognise you.

Remind them
From time to time
Of the values they have learned
In this school, the memories of their years here,
The friendships formed, the lessons learned, the laughter,
The tears, the struggles, the triumphs,
The knowledge gained.

Bless them
As they seek to discover
The kind of person you want them to be,
The path in life you wish them to take,
The plans you have for them, for their welfare and not for harm,
The contribution they can make to the world
To make it more just, more kind, more compassionate
Just for them being in it.

Bless them as they leave us
With the confidence and energy of youth
To face a world which needs their integrity, their joy, their hope,
And in the words of the ancient blessing
May the road rise to meet them,
May the sun shine warm upon their faces,
And, until we meet again,
May you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Raymond Friel

