

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope that you have all had a lovely week.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – year 6 SATs**

Year 6 have had their SATs week and have been brilliant - they worked hard, persevered through tricky questions and kept a positive attitude. They should be very proud of themselves and truly deserve their bowling treat today!

**Mental Health Ambassadors**

Our Mental Health Ambassadors are working hard to find alternative ways on how they can best use their 'Heads Up' training to support children during break and lunchtimes, especially now that we are using the field more. They plan to share their ideas with the rest of the school next week.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cook who gives up her time weekly to support children in our Time to Talk programme and to Mrs Shapter who runs RiseUp at St Joseph's.

**FSU learning**

The chrysalides in Oak room have all hatched and there have been lots of beautiful butterflies! The teachers and children released them on Tuesday so they could go on to continue their lifecycle by laying some eggs. Acorns now have 3 butterflies! More to hatch over the next few days!



**This Year's academic Attendance**

Our aspiration target is **97%**  
At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives. The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success!

The class with the highest attendance this week was **Sycamore Class**

**Year 5 learning**

The children have been exploring angles in maths - they took their learning outside (on a rare sunny day) to review some science learning and link it with their maths!

**Careers Day**

We are organising another termly Careers Days for our children at St Joseph's. We know that we have a wealth of talent amongst our parents as well as a broad and diverse workforce. We would be extremely grateful if you are able to offer your services to our children at St Josephs through coming into school and talking to them about your role so that they can be inspired. We will try to match each role to our curriculum so that our children are ready for the next stage of their education. Please can you let us know if this is something that you would be interested in or if you would like to find out more about it please email [admin@stjo.uk](mailto:admin@stjo.uk).

The next Careers Day will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June (1.30-3.30pm). More details will be sent to you nearer the time

**Message from our PTA**

*Thank you to everyone who said hi and supported the uniform sale and ice lollies last week. We raised an amazing £187 for our school. We're hoping to do cool down Fridays every week from now until the end of term. If you're able to help one Friday please let us know [pta@stjo.uk](mailto:pta@stjo.uk) or chat to us in the playground. We're looking for a cool box and cool blocks before we buy them - does anyone have one they'd be happy to donate? Also, any good condition pre-loved uniform can be donated by bringing to the reception. We especially need age 6 and above, and smaller summer dresses. **Thank you, the PTA team***

**This week's Gospel Value – Humility**

The Gospel this week shows Jesus' prayer for believers - that we would be one with Him and the Father. We have explored how Jesus wants us to look after one another and the world. We have looked at the letter from Pope Francis on Laudato Si on what we can do to look after our planet.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Stephens

**Diary dates:**

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| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half-term                     | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school                 |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (morning) – Staff & Children | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (afternoon) – Parents welcome |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – Summer Fayre                              | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Careers Fayre                             |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle, live on ParentPay | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Yr.4 Lyme Regis, live on ParentPay         |

**Head teacher Awards:** Rowan – Leo, Sycamore – Jaime, Maple – Roman, Isla, Douglas

**Stars of the Week:** Oak – Rupert; Rowan – Oskar; Sycamore – Arnie; Cherry – Jack; Maple –Theo; Willow – Barney; Beech – Ellis