

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been raising money as well as awareness by selling a range of poppies.

Act of Remembrance - *In every act of remembrance, we honour the memory of the fallen and pledge to care for the living. We will remember them.*

Royal British Legion. *Service, the act of defending and protecting the nation's democratic freedoms and way of life, is rarely without cost to those who serve. Physical, mental or emotional injury or trauma; the absence of time with loved ones; or the pressures that come from serving, highlight why the Remembrance of service is so important.*

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for completing the online parent questionnaire. We only had a 25% response from families therefore each response is 2.9% I have captured some of the responses below:

97.1% of parents strongly/agree that their child is happy at school.

97.1% of parents strongly/agree that the school's virtues and values have a positive effect on their child with 2.9% of parents neither agreeing nor disagreeing. In school, we are seeing the positive impact that our school's virtues and values are having on our children.

94.1% of parents strongly/agree that their child feels safe in school with 5.9% of parents neither agreeing nor disagreeing. Safeguarding is our number one priority and this percentage is testament to our RHSE curriculum and the culture of the safeguarding which has been established across the school.

97% of our pupils said that they feel safe in school. However, we are working with our pupils to ensure that 100% of them feel safe in school.

See below a parent response that we can action; I will update you on other suggestions that we have or will action as a result from your responses.

Having more activities for After School Clubs (ASC) as well as ensuring that they are not just sports based.

We have increased our ASCs to include Primary Sports & Education, girl's football as well as including Spanish ASC. This term, we offered an arts club (based on Forest school) for KS2 pupils but unfortunately we did not have enough interest to make the club viable. This was such a shame as Mrs Owens had devised a programme over 6 weeks to teach new skills and create wonderful arts and crafts. We are still looking at other ASC activities that we can offer our pupils. However, in school we offer Young Carers club, Choir and Lego club as well as the two lunchtime sports clubs run by Primary Sports & Education as we understand that not all children can attend an ASC.

Bespoke Year 6 Residential

We are excited to announce that Year 6 are going to London for a school residential in the Spring term. After a successful application to visit Parliament, Mrs Jukes and Mrs O'Mahony used this as a fantastic opportunity to explore more of London. They have worked extremely hard and put in a lot of hours to put this bespoke residential together. They have booked accommodation in a Youth Hostel in Earls Court, and have already planned and booked activities to the London Eye, The David Attenborough Earth Experience, Matilda the Musical – Cambridge Theatre as well as a guided tour around Parliament.

Year 6 Class Learning Assembly

This week was Year 6's turn to share their learning with parents. They shared their learning on Anglo Saxons, reciting a poem 'The Letter A'. They all confidently spoke to a wide audience. Thank you to all that attended to support our children. Well done Year 6 - you were amazing.

Mental Health Ambassadors

This week Heads Up came in to meet our Mental Health Ambassadors for their first training session. They explored feelings and emotions. "We drew pictures of ourselves and showed how we might feel such as angry on the first one and happy on the second one." Year 4 pupil.



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!

This week - the class with the highest attendance is **Beech Class**

Gospel Value - Peace

Jesus instructed His disciples (He guides them) repeating the word welcome – In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us that humility is very important. He tells us that to be great is to be a servant; putting God first, serving and loving Him and our neighbours through our words and deeds. In humility we seek God and find Him in peace and silence in the simple actions of the day.

Have a lovely weekend and a peaceful Remembrance Sunday.

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

10th November Careers afternoon

15th November Disco

22nd November Year 5 class assembly 3pm

28th & 29th November FSU Nativity (details to follow)

4th & 5th December KS1 Nativity (details to follow)

13th – 17th November Anti-bullying week

17th November Children in Need day and Choir concert at 3.30pm

24th November Coastal Recycling talk for year 6

1st December PTA Secret Present room

13th December KS2 Advent Service 6pm at Holy Ghost Church

Headteacher Awards: Rowan Class – Iza

Bronze Awards: Oaks Class – Luca; Rowan Class – Aredhel, Halle, Joseph, Sofia, Yasmin; Sycamore Class – Anastasiia, Brooklyn, Dominic, Aidan, Imogen, Jaime; Cherry Class – Carly, Lily, Noah; Willow Class – Hollie.

Silver Awards: Maple Class – Poppy.

Stars of the week: Oak Class- Sophia; Rowan Class – Bea; Sycamore Class –Felicia;

Cherry Class – Eleanor; Maple Class – Chloe; Willow Class – Quinlan; Beech Class – Emma.