St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter



Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

British Values Competition Results

Thank you to all of the entrants in our St Joseph's British Values competition. The standard has been very high and has generated some great discussions around school and during assemblies. We will continue to focus on the five British Values and promote citizenship in our school so that our children become tolerant, respectful and to know that their voice matters. Congratulations to the following -

- Winning entrant Harry Stalker Y4 who has won a tea party for his whole class.
- Runners Up Jonah Waite Y5, Bea Horton- Dewing Y5, Gabriel and Anna Gazulli (Y2,3) who have each won golden time for their whole class.
- All entrants have received an Easter egg in recognition of their superb effort. Thank you to you all.



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 Beech Class

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this today. We need your help and support so that these activities/events can take place. 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.

Times Table Talk

Year 4 Parents/Carers are invited to join us for a talk about Times Tables. This will take place on Thursday 28th March at 3pm in the hall.

Donations

We would like some cushions and blankets for our Well Being Areas in the classrooms. If you have any spare, we would be very grateful for them. FSU - They would like some metal kitchen utensils for their new mud kitchen. This may be large utensils such as metal serving spoons, fish/egg slice, mashers, ladles etc. or maybe smaller utensils such as forks, knives, spoons etc.

World Book Day costumes - If you have any that are too small for your child please donate them to school so we can raise funds next year for the library. Please bring all donations to reception. Thank you.

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Friday 19 April, 2.30-3.30pm

Hear updates from the PTA and school, elect the new team and share your ideas for the summer term. If you can make it, please let us know by emailing pta@stjo.uk, or let Kay in the office know. If you can't make it but would like to find out more, or have any questions, please let us know. Hope to see you there!

Gospel Values:

This week, we have celebrated St Joseph's Day. We have thought about what we can learn from St Joseph and we have been learning to recognise these qualities in others.

Holy Ghost Church

On Good Friday at 11am at Holy Ghost Church there will be Stations of the Cross especially for children. Children and parents will be invited to walk in procession around the church remembering the 'Way of the Cross' experienced by Jesus. A lovely opportunity to walk with Jesus to be the best we can be. It should take no longer than 30 minutes. At the conclusion children will be invited to light a candle. All are welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

Friday 22nd March – Careers Day - Cancelled Thursday 28th March – Yr. 4 Times Table talk @ 3pm Thursday 28th March – Break up for Easter Holiday Friday 19th April – PTA AGM @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 27th March – Yrs. 1 & 2 Buckfast Abbey

Monday 15th April – Children return to school Monday 17th June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle

Silver Awards: Oak – Guy. Rowan – Imogen. Willow – Sukie.

Platinum Awards: Sycamore – Remy, Samuel.

Star of the Week: Oak - Isaac. Rowan - Darcey. Sycamore - Remy. Cherry - Cobie. Maple - Rory. Willow - Daisy. Beech - Gemma.