Plymouth

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter



Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating kindness week. It has been wonderful to see different classes learn about how they can be kind to each other, our families and our community. We done many things including making and sending cards to a lovely care home and holding a cake sale which raised £80 for the NSPCC! I think we have all enjoyed a week where the benefits of being kind have been felt by all. Thank you for your support.









Top Field Gate

We have recently been reviewing our site security. We have decided to keep the top field gate closed at all times, the reason being we cannot manage to staff the gate to ensure it is safe, as such children could feasibly make it to the road unattended if we continue to open it for ease of access for parents. So in the interests of safety, we are going to keep the field gate locked and ask that you now enter for collection and drop off through the main entrance. The main entrance can be accessed on foot via Ryll Court drive, which is a few metres along from the gate.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes, and appreciate your understanding and continued support as we seek to tighten up the safety we are offering our children.

PTA

Neon Disco, Friday 18 October 5-6pm FSU and KS1, 6.15-7.15pm KS2. This is now live on ParentPay, and an information email has been sent out. Can you help with set up, tuck shop, or tidy up? Please get in touch - pta@stjo.uk

<u>Christmas merchandise</u> Children have been making amazing Christmas pictures to be made into cards, cups, stickers and more. Please fill in the form and pay on the Cauliflower Cards website by 17 October - https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/ and return the completed forms to the yellow box in the foyer, this is under the board of staff photos. Last year we raised £178 for school resources.

25th October – PTA AGM All welcome. Have your say, share ideas, get involved with the PTA and find out what's planned!

Nut Free School

Just a friendly reminder we are a nut free school. Could we please ask that you check the ingredients of packed lunch products, such as chocolate spread, breakfast/snack bars and pesto, to ensure these are nut free. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a peaceful and restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Jon Willcox Head Teacher

This Year's academic Attendance

Our aspirational 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 is **Beech** Class.

Diary dates: These, and future events, can also be found on the website and downloaded to your Google calendar!

1st October – Black History Month begins

21st October - Parents Evening Week, details sent out

23rd October – Yr 6 Class Assembly for parents – details to follow

26th October – 4th November Half-term

18th October – Disco – details sent out, live on PP

 $21^{\text{st}}~\&~25^{\text{th}}$ October - Dogs Trust coming to school

25th October – PTA AGM – 3:45pm in school

6th November - Photos - Individual and Family

Stars of the week: Oak – Lily, Rowan – Evie, Sycamore – Yasmin, Cherry – Remy, Maple – Flossie, Willow – Harry, Beech – Nathan. Gospel Values: Bronze Award – Kenny, Chloe M.