

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very sporty week we have had this week.

After school clubs

Next half term, Mr Keast, from Primary Sports, will be running a Running after-school programme at St Josephs for all children in KS2. The sessions will take place after school every Tuesday for 7 weeks until the end of the summer term. The children will have the opportunity to be involved in a fun packed running programme which will include sprinting, long distance running and relays. The children will also take part in a mini marathon challenge which will include running for 5 miles over the course of the 7 weeks.

We are also pleased to announce that on Mondays (starting from next week) Mrs Gates will be running our very own after school 'girls' football club' for Years 4, 5 and 6 and we are delighted to see how many children have signed up for these already. The good news is that there are still places available! To sign up, please see the correspondence sent via ParentPay.

Football Team

Yesterday we welcomed Marpool Primary School to our school for our first football fixture. The final score was very close, 4-3 to Marpool. Well done to everyone who took part and for making our visitors very welcome. Our next fixture is on 24th May, at The Beacon CofE Primary school. This is for year 3/4. We wish them all the best.

Mental Health Awareness week

At St Joseph's we are mindful of mental wellbeing amongst adults and children in our community. This week we have been raising awareness by coming together on the playground for a whole school dance; children have been filling buckets of gratitude to thank staff for their kindness. Our mental health ambassadors have been raising awareness of anti-bullying using our STOP policy. Children in time to talk have been looking at growth mind-set, behaviours for resilience. We look forward to welcoming you to our Esteem workshop on Monday at 10am and 6.30pm.

PCSO Visit

We were pleased to welcome the two PCSOs into school on Wednesday. Again, please make sure that if you have to bring your child to school in a car to drop off or collect that you park considerately, not block driveways or use the school as a turning bay. All our children's safety is paramount! Thank you for your continued support with this ongoing challenge!

Pentecost

In all classes, we are currently exploring the Topic of Pentecost with the theme of serving. Our learning involves us reflecting on how Christians can spread the good news. Part of this is through Almsgiving and Charity. To celebrate Pentecost, the GIFT Team are organising a cake sale on Thursday 25th May after school. We are running a competition for the most creative Pentecost themed cake. I have attached some suggestions but you can create your own fabulous designs. Pentecost celebrates the Birthday of the Church and marks when the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles after Jesus ascended into Heaven.

The cakes will be judged by the GIFT Team on Thursday afternoon and then the cakes will go on sale on the playground. You can make large cakes or cupcakes, it's totally up to you! You don't have to enter the competition if you don't want to, we would just appreciate any cake donations. Please ensure you put your child's name and class somewhere on your entry. The GIFT Team have chosen to split the money raised between CAFOD and Hospiscare. We are looking forward to seeing your creations.

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

This week, we heard how Jesus tells us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments. And that God loves those who listen to and love his son. We have thought about the word love and what it means. We also thought about who we love in this world and why.

Have a lovely weekend. I hope the sun is here to stay.
Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

29th May – 2nd June – May Half Term Holiday

6th June – Year 1 Trip to Powderham Castle

19th - 21st June – Year 5/6 Residential

23rd June – Careers Day

30th June – Year 4 Trip to Lyme Regis

11th July - Sports Day

18th July – Reserve Sports Day

Attendance

A big 'well done' to **Maple and Beech** – 100% attendance this week!

Headteacher Awards: Oak Class – Sophie, Rowan Class – Ruben, Sycamore Class – Issy, Cherry Class – Poppy J, Theo

Platinum Awards: Maple Class – Barney

Gold Awards: Rowan Class - Anastasiia

Silver Awards: Sycamore Class – Arlo, Lenny; Maple Class – Melissa, Kelly, Demi

Bronze Awards: Sycamore Class – Theo P; Maple Class – Quinlan

Stars of the week: Oak class- Ned; Rowan class – Penelope Sycamore class – Millie; Cherry class - Jensen; Maple class – Amelia Beech class – Daisy