Phymouth

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports day

Yesterday the children practised and fine-tuned their skills for Sports day. Although the weather wasn't on our side the children enjoyed the preparations, we are hoping it will be much nicer on Tuesday.

Tuesday 18th June is Sports day. Parents/Carers are welcome to come and join us. The gates will be open from 1.30pm. There will be a refreshment stall run by the PTA, cash only please.

MUFTI day - 21st June

On Friday 21st June we will be celebrating St Aloysius who is the Patron Saint of Christian Youth and Young Students. We are inviting our children to wear yellow, blue and white. We ask for a small donation for The Catholic Children's Society in Plymouth. This charity support lots of our families in need across our schools and diocese by providing financial support, courses to support with parenting and bereavement support. We really appreciate any donations, these will be through ParentPay. Many thanks.

'The Fiver Challenge'

Beech class are taking part in an exciting project this term called 'The Fiver Challenge'. The class has been split into teams and each team has come up with a business idea in order to raise money for the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the meaning of entrepreneurship through engaging activities, whilst at the same time raising money for the school. On Friday 21st June, year six children will be selling their products in school. Items include fidget toys, personalised art, fruit smoothies and delicious cakes and biscuits. Items will be available for all children in school to buy if they wish to do so. Please send your child into school with money (no more than £2) on Friday 21st June if they wish to purchase something. All profits will go towards raising money for the school. Money will be collected in by class teachers on the morning of Friday 21st June ready for your child to spend at lunchtime. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

FSU - Stay and Play

Calling all Acorn parents - drop in stay and play session on Monday 24th June - We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into the Acorn room and chat with the staff while the children play. There may even be some biscuits or cake! You are welcome to arrive anytime from 2:45pm onwards. We will finish at 4:30pm. If your child doesn't normally attend on a Monday then please feel free to drop in anytime between 2:45pm and 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing you then - FSU team.

PTA update - Summer Fair and raffle

We're getting ready for the Summer Fair on Friday 5th July after school. There will be food and drink, a bouncy obstacle course (weather depending), games, music, craft stalls and more. We're looking for donations of prizes, books, wine, and your time to help make the event a success. If you can help, we'd love to hear from you, either in the playground or email pta@stjo.uk. We need volunteers to help look after stalls, set up or pack away please. Look out for raffle tickets in book bags next week, £1 per ticket with prizes including a World of Country Life family day ticket, footgolf, holiday club vouchers, martial arts classes, jewellery, and more prizes to be announced.

Gospel Value: Justice

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.' Matthew 5:6

Have a peaceful and restful weekend. Mrs Stephens

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 Rowan Class

Diary dates:

Tuesday 18th June – Sports Day (@ 1.30pm) – Parents welcome Friday 21st June – 'The Fiver Challenge' yr. 6 & MUFTI day Wednesday 26th June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle, live on PP Friday 28th June - MUFTI day – sweets for tombola stall Friday 5th July – PTA Summer Fair

Wednesday 19th June – Yr. 1 class Assembly - All welcome Monday 24th June – FSU –Stay and Play @ 2.45pm Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June – Scholastic Book Fair Friday 5th July – Yr. 4 Lyme Regis, live on PP Thursday 25th July – Break up for Summer Holiday

Reading Awards: Oaks – 175 – Alyssia, Sophia, Luca. 225 – Isaac. 250 – Cosette, Gracie, Edie. Beech – 175 - Chloe, Lucy.

Head teachers Award: Willow - Lusi.

Silver Awards: Beech – Chloe, Lucy, Daisy, James, Jacob, Ellis.

Gold Awards: Rowan - Sophie. Sycamore - Lily, Anastasiia. Willow - Jonah, Louie, Hollie, Bea.

Platinum Awards: Cherry – Lily.

Diamond Awards: Rowan - Yasmin, Teddy, Oskar. Cherry - Catriona.

Stars of the Week: Oak - Guy. Rowan - Sienna. Sycamore - Jacob. Cherry - Gabriel.

Maple - Jude. Willow - Oliver. Beech - James.