

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Joseph's will be shining a light on mental health awareness week next week. Mrs Monks has been working closely with our mental health ambassadors who will be showcasing some ideas in Assembly.

Mrs Cook has been using growth mindset to promote resilience and reassurance with our Time to Talk groups. If you feel you need support as a parent or with your child, we are always happy to help.

Friday 19th May - children and staff wear a token green item to raise awareness of mental wellbeing.

Monday 22nd May - Esteem Team Workshop for parents in school.

School Arrival for Oaks (Reception) and Acorn (Nursery) Classes

From after half term (week beginning 5th June) we will be asking parents to drop off/collect Oaks and Acorns from the main playground entrance to the Foundation Stage Unit rather than going through the car park and using the field access to the classrooms.

The top field gate from Claremont Grove will still be opened each morning but please come down the side of the building and wait in the main playground for the FSU doors to open. Thank you for your co-operation.

SATs Year 6

Well done to our Year 6s who have tackled their SATs head on this week! We are very proud of them all for their hard work and concentration.

STOP - we have been looking at kindness and anti-bullying this week. We hope your children can tell you at home that bullying is Several Times On Purpose but at St Joseph's we all have a responsibility to STOP and help one and other to feel ready, respectful and safe. Our mental health ambassadors are helping to champion the message.

Science in Rowan class has been very topical this week as we learnt about the dramatic depletion of Great Britain's wildflowers. We conducted a survey on our own school field and were pleased to discover that we have several growing right now! We all agreed that the 'No Mow May' initiative is a great way to help wildlife by providing a feast for pollinators and tackling pollution. Please join in at home and leave your whole lawn, or a smaller area, for a few weeks to allow those wild flowers to thrive!

Coronation photos

As a school we had a wonderful time celebrating the Coronation last Friday. Year 2 visited Exmouth House and entertained the residents in the morning with their Coronation song. In the afternoon the whole school enjoyed a 'street party' and the children proudly paraded their crowns to their parents and carers.

**Attendance**

A big 'well done' to Beech Class for best attendance this week!

This week's Gospel Value – Courage

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells his disciples that he is the Son of God but the disciples find it difficult to understand. Jesus tells the disciples not to be worried and to believe in him. He is asking them to trust him. This week, we have been reflecting on who as well as Jesus, we can trust in.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

w/b 15th May – Year 2 SATS

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 – Career's Day

30th June – Year 4 Trip to Lyme Regis

11th July - Sports Day

18th July – Reserve Sports Day

Headteacher Awards: Cherry Class – Poppy J, Theo

Silver Awards: Cherry Class - Isla

Bronze Awards: Maple Class - Layla

Stars of the week: Oak class- Murphy; Rowan class - Jaime; Sycamore class – Lenny; Cherry class - Eden; Maple class – Barney; Beech class – Year 6