



Top Quizzing Results	
Jessica Kneeshaw	100%
Joseph Ritchie	100%
Kayla Quainoo	98.4%
Eliana Quainoo	95.4%
Ruby Slatter	95.4%

Class Quizzing Averages	
Swallow	80.4%
Woodpecker	79.1%
Kingfisher	79.4%
Puffin	86.8%



CLASS DOJO

We have introduced Class Dojo to motivate and encourage positive learning behaviours and values. It is also a valuable tool to help teachers and parents communicate more easily. Please download the app and register your parent account. An information session will be held on **Monday 24th September at 3pm**. Pop in and find out more.

SOUTH WEST CELEBRATE WEEKEND

A joyful and faith-filled event for all the family!

13th/14th October

Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth
PL6 5HN

Main Speakers: Maria Heath, Fr. Oscar Ardila,
Charles Whitehead

Separate streams for children & young people
Lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops,
family Mass

Online booking now open (Prior booking essential)

More details: www.celebrateconference.org

Email: southwest@celebrateconference.org

Rebecca 01395 489902

Or Susanne 01803 606256

NEW CURRICULUM

Staff have worked together to develop a new curriculum for St Joseph's. We prioritise the learning and teaching of Reading, Writing, Maths and Personal and Social Development. Our RE curriculum also supports our aim to develop well rounded, considerate pupils with high aspirations to achieve in everything they choose. This is our 'Core Learning'.

We teach the rest of the curriculum through creative themes during termly 'Theme Weeks', and 'STEM Weeks' which focus on Science, technology, engineering and mathematics. By teaching in this way, we believe our pupils will gain a broad and balanced curriculum as well as a life-long love of learning to support their aspirations for the future.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

You should have received details about how to apply online for a secondary school place for your child. You need to apply for a school place online by 31st October. If we can be of any help in the process please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hobart in the school office. Detailed information can be found in the news section of our website.

Marking and Feedback

Recent research from the Department for Education and the Education Endowment Foundation shows that meaningful feedback that improves pupils' work does not have to be written. Feedback is an essential element of teaching. The focus in everything we do should always be on the benefit it will bring to your child's learning. For this reason, we are trialling changes to the way we mark your child's work. They will continue to receive feedback that is meaningful, manageable and motivating, but this will take a different form and will not be as visible in their books. What to expect:

- Teachers will provide dedicated in-class time to address common mistakes and misconceptions, praising good examples of work, and allowing pupils to edit and redraft their work
- Pupils will develop valuable skills of independent learning and self-correction, which will help them as they continue through education and into the world of work
- Pupils of higher or lower ability will have further, in-class assistance to help them reach their full potential

We are confident the above changes will be beneficial for pupils. If you have any specific questions about this issue please contact Miss Dunne.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

School Council

Children in Y1 upwards have the chance to be a member of the School Council. To stand for election pupils need to write a manifesto that:



- Introduces themselves
- Explains why they want to be a School Council Representative
- Explains why they would be a good choice for their class

Parents are welcome to help their younger children to write their manifesto, but it is important that the child wants to be a School Council Representative.

All manifestos are to be handed to **Mrs Soby by Monday 1st October**. Elections will be held in classes on Thursday 14th October. The new School Council will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Friday 15th October. Late manifestos will not be accepted.

START OF THE DAY

Children are encouraged to come in to the classroom from 8.45am and settle with their morning work ready for learning. It is important that children are not late. This disrupts the learning of the class and may cause your child distress. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to get to school before 9am to help your child and the rest of their class to have a smooth transition. If you are late, your child will be taken to the class by office staff to minimise disruption, while you sign them in.

Please note: a late arrival after 9.15am is registered as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.



House Captains

Children in Y5 and Y6 have the chance to stand as a House Captain.

How to become a House Captain:

Write a letter to the school staff explaining why you would like to be one. Your application can be hand written or typed and should not be any longer than one A4 page in length. Please address the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a school captain at St Joseph's School?
2. What do you think are the most important skills a leader must have and why?
3. Who is a leader that you admire and why do you admire them?
4. If you had a magic wand, what would you improve at St Joseph's Primary School?

All letters are to be handed to **Mrs Mariadas by Monday 1st October**. The new House Captains will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Friday 15th October. Late letters will not be accepted.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

Open our mouths to praise God.
Open our ears to the Good News.
Open our hearts to the love of God.



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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg