



St John's Catholic Primary School

School Information October 2018

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was our first Governing Body meeting of the new school year, where we welcomed our newly elected Parent Governors, Sarah Jenkin and Becca Biddle. Our full team is listed below:

Mrs R Wheeler	Chair of Governors and Parent Governor
Mrs S Trezise	Vice Chair and Foundation Governor
Father Cadoc	Foundation Governor
Mr P Lenzion	Foundation Governor
Mr F Sanderson	Foundation Governor
Mrs S Jenkin	Parent Governor
Mrs R Biddle	Parent Governor
Mrs S Belshaw	Community Governor
Mr T Moran	Staff Governor
Mrs M Haynes	Staff Governor
Miss N Teixeira	Headteacher, Ex-officio

As I explained in the parent election letter, this group forms part of the leadership team for the school and works in partnership with the board of directors for our Multi Academy Trust – Plymouth CAST.

The window for parents to apply for a Reception class place is now open. Do encourage your family and friends to consider St John's and to phone us if they would like a tour of the school. Applications are through Cornwall Council on the School Admissions website page.

Thank you in advance, for what I know will be a hugely generous donation of items at next week's Harvest Festival celebration. See you in church for our service at 10am on Wednesday 10th October. Afterwards, our School Councillors will sort the items for the Camborne Food Bank.

Best wishes,

Miss Teixeira

We would like to say a **huge thank you** to **Curver** in Redruth for donating storage boxes for our PTFA, and to **B&Q** for replacing our vandalised gazebos.

School Council

Our School Councillors have been busy preparing for our Fair Trade Fortnight. As part of this, they will be running a tuckshop at break times, selling a range of Fair Trade goodies for pupils to buy. All profits will go to support the Fair Trade Foundation.



Diary Dates

10th Oct	Harvest Mass 10.00am in church
15th / 16th Oct	Parent-teacher meetings for Y1-6
19th Oct (Friday)	INSET Day - no school for pupils
23rd—27th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct	Porridge for Smiles Day (details soon)
2nd Nov	PTFA Autumn Disco (details soon)
4th 6pm & 5th Dec 2pm	Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2 Christmas play
11th Dec 6pm	Yrs 3 - 6 Carol Service



Our Spiritual and Religious Education

Our God Matters unit for the first 2 weeks of October is **Prayers, feasts and saints**. We will then focus on our **Harvest celebrations**, with a **whole school Mass** (see below), as well as our daily Fair Trade tuck shop, which will run from 8th—12th October. Our annual **Harvest Bring and Share supper** will be on Wednesday 10th October, and everyone is very warmly invited!

October is the Month of Our Lady, and there will be a dedicated prayer space available each lunchtime from 12-12.30pm in Year 3 for rosary and contemplation.

As some of you may know, every year we welcome our regular workshop leader Daya, who later this month will be coming in to run a day of activities and talks teaching us about Sikhism. We are also very pleased to invite back Lyn from Guide Dogs for the Blind for a special assembly. There is a box near the office for used postage stamps, which we collect to raise money for this charity.

Mass rota (please be aware that this may change):

10th Oct:	Whole School Harvest Mass (Y2 lead)
31st Oct:	Y5 (Parish lead)
7th Nov	Y4 (Parish lead)

Mass starts at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Online Safety

Creating a family agreement is a great way to start talking about online safety. It will help your child understand what behaviour is appropriate when they are online, and they will know who they can turn to if they are ever worried about anything they see or do. Here is an agreement template to get you started:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/share-aware-family-agreement.pdf>

Tips for Children: Don't post any personal information online - like your address, email address or mobile number.