

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St Patrick's Day! We have had a fun day celebrating 'Red Nose Day' today.

Trips and visits

Year 2 and 4 had a fantastic time at the Eden Project last week. As well as exploring both biomes, they took part in class workshops called 'Rainforest Rangers' and 'Building in Brazil'. They learnt a huge amount about climate change and how to protect our planet and it was wonderful to see the children so enthused by this experience. They were all a joy to take to Cornwall for the day.

**Some of the children's comments (year 2):**

I loved the Eden Project because it was exotic and amazing.

I loved racing along the wobbly, steamy bridge.

We enjoyed the humid domes because they were warm and smelt sweet like daffodils and lavender.

Thank you to all our helpers for making it possible.

Holy Hunt

Rowan Class had a wonderful visit to the Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday to visit Father Philip. They had time to ask him questions about their current learning and some deeper BIG questions they had been pondering. Father was very welcoming and let them tour the Church and explore the features of the building. Rowan Class are looking forward to going back again soon.

**Primary Sports Education**

I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your support, understanding and positive feedback following my e-mail regarding football before school. As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, we are looking at increasing the Primary Sports PE days to two days a week after Easter and until the end of this academic year which will be fantastic for our children as well as our teachers. Therefore, we will be in a position to offer an after school club on both those days. We are looking at offering a club for KS1 children and a football club - further details will be sent to you after half term.

Devon Education Services Parent Autism Workshop (see attached letter with dates and times of parent sessions)

This week we are raising awareness for Autism and I would like to signpost you to the sessions that Devon Education Services are offering parents **Parental Support Session:**

We welcome all parents for a chat, tea, coffee and biscuits on **Wednesday 29th March** with **Emily Monks** SENCO, We would love to hear your views or just welcome you to the hall for an informal chat. We also have our parenting course starting on this day, to register please email admin@stjo.uk

This week's Gospel Value – Humility

What does Humility mean? As one of our Gospel Values and a Virtues, I wonder where we see humility around us? We will be encouraging the children to think of a time when they have shown it? 'Life- A precious Gift from God.' Psalm 139:14 - This reminds us that we have to grasp life and appreciate it. We will be thinking about how we can use this gift.

Have a lovely weekend celebrating Mothering Sunday!
Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

23rd March: Years 3 and 4 to Buckfast Abbey

27th March: Childhood Measurement Programme

29th March: Reports out

31st March: Last day of Spring Term

17th April: Children return for Summer Term

Headteacher Awards: Oak Class – Albie,

Silver Awards: Oak Class – Sofia, Yasmin, Rowan Class – Emily, Ruben

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Sienna, Rowan – Ava, Sycamore Class – Eleanor, Cherry Class – Oto, Maple Class – Ethan, Beech Class – Lydia,