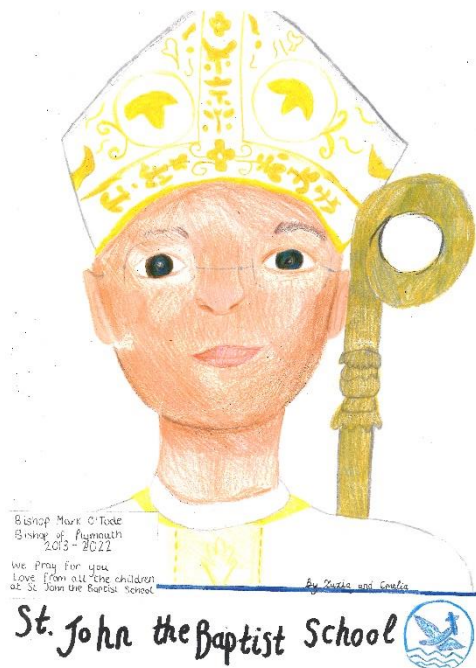


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### Newsletter 13-05-22

Pope Francis has appointed our Bishop Mark Archbishop-elect of Cardiff and Bishop-elect of Menevia. Bishop O'Toole has been Bishop of Plymouth since 2013 and visited St Johns a few years ago. The chaplains have written him a prayer and Zuzia and Emelia have drawn a lovely portrait of him for his leaving book from the schools.



Dear Lord,  
We pray for Bishop Mark,  
Our good shepherd taking on his new role  
looking after the flock.  
We ask you Holy Spirit to guide him on his  
new journey.  
All the children at St John the Baptist hold  
Bishop Mark in their thoughts and prayers.  
Amen  
Prayer written by Elsa, Lucy, Jack, Eric, Tom, Molly

Psalms 23:  
The good shepherd takes care of all my needs,  
He leads me to green meadows  
and crystal clear pools.  
He guides and protects me,  
and I grow in his care.  
When night falls, I am not afraid,  
for he is always by my side  
to protect me from harm.  
When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will not be afraid,  
for he is with me and his love will protect me.  
From all the children at St John the Baptist

Prayer by the Chaplains (Lilly, Jack, Eric, Molly and Tom)

We pray for Bishop Mark

Our 'Good' Shepherd, taking on his new role

Looking after the flock

We ask you Holy Spirit

To guide him on his new Journey

St John the Baptist school has Bishop Mark

In their thoughts and Prayers

Amen

### GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY

We invite parents to a 'Good work assembly' on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am.

### JUBLIEE CRAFT MORNING

Class 1 have rescheduled their craft afternoon that didn't happen before Easter to next Thursday 9-10.15am. Parents from Class 1 welcome. See Mrs McClounnan for more details.

### YEAR 6 SATS

A huge well done to all our year sixes this week who sat their SAT tests. They showed amazing perseverance and resilience and we are very proud of all their hard work.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL



A big thank you to Mrs Brown for co-ordinating our singing and to the parents who walked down with us and for all the parents, grandparents and friends who came to watch. We are the only school who take the whole school with the very young children to perform at the Music Festival. Our children sung beautifully and kept going even through the technical difficulties and immense heat. We were very proud of them all.



## ASCENSION LITURGY AND JUBILEE DAY

The school Chaplains will be running a Liturgy for Ascension day at 9.10am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This will last for just 15 minutes. Parents who wish to attend are warmly invited. The Friends will be doing a cake sale and coffee morning afterwards for parents. Cakes will also be sold at break time and after school. The friends are asking for donations of cakes and are running a number of competitions on the day. Children can wear fancy dress on a 'Jubilee' theme that day, either dressing up in Jubilee colours (red, white or blue) or wear anything else Jubilee themed. The children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of Jubilee curriculum activities which will link to our History curriculum. More details from the Friends will follow with all the exciting things that they have planned.

## CURRICULUM OUTLINES

Outlines have been emailed out for each class telling you what is being covered in each class this term. These are also available on the school website. Attached to last week's newsletter is an outline for RE for the term. These are also available on the website at [http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum\\_overviews/402063](http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum_overviews/402063)

## TERM DATES

With the addition of the extra Jubilee bank holiday, the Summer term will now end on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

Outlines for what has been covered during the year were sent out last September and there were also copies available at our Curriculum evening in the Autumn Term. If you have missed this then these are available on our website. Just a reminder that there is also a parent portal that you can log onto to get some more information.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

## TEN TEN MAY NEWSLETTER

TEN TEN is the main resource we use for our acts of worship and assemblies.

They produce a parent newsletter each month for parents to follow at home with their children. The link below will take you to the newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

## FRIENDS

The Friends are looking for volunteers to join them in their school fundraising. All the money they raise goes directly to the children for things like trips out, equipment, entertainers etc. If you have any time to spare and would like to help please contact Hannah or Natalie via the school office.

## SAFEGUARDING - HOW TO HAVE A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILD

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child.

You might need to have a conversation where you:

- have to break some bad news
- have to ask about something you're worried about
- ask about topics you find uncomfortable - like sex or drugs
- ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour
- or anything else you feel will be difficult to bring up.

### Before starting a difficult chat

Whatever it is you want to discuss, it's important to think about where and how to talk so children will listen.

1. There's no telling how long the conversation is going to last, so the first thing to consider is **where and when you're going to start it**. For example, if you start in the evening when they're tired, your child or children might not be able to concentrate.
2. If you're talking to just one child about something, consider how **private** the time and place are. It might work best to have it at a time when brothers and sisters aren't around to interrupt.
3. It could be good to have it in a **relaxed and neutral place**, like on a walk or in the car.

You could also ask other parents you know how they've created the right situation to talk about difficult topics in the past and see if it would work for you too.

### Listening is important too

If you're worried or nervous about a conversation, it's easy to forget that it should be going two ways.

It's important to show that you are also listening to them and value what they're telling you. We have some tips to help:

- **Start by asking questions that don't just have "yes" and "no" answers.** This gives your child the chance to tell you what they think.

- **Give them as long as they need to answer without interrupting.** They may be nervous or still working out what they really think and that could take a little time.
- **Let your child ask you questions too.** Be honest with them about how you feel about certain subjects and let them know about things that have happened to you in the past.
- **Let them know that they can trust you to keep their confidence** and that you want them to always feel they can talk to you, other people they trust or organisations like [Childline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/) when anything is worrying them.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 Jubilee Craft morning - Parents from Class 1 invited
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bag2School collection 9am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Liturgy (Year 6 Chaplains to lead) and Coffee morning/cake sale (parents warmly invited)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Day - dress up, Jubilee curriculum activities, cake sale, donations of cakes needed, range of Friends' events
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming starts (outdoor pool) Year 1 upwards (every Tuesday afternoon)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition afternoons start for new Sept 22 intake (4 Monday afternoons)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Music/Catholic life day at Buckfast Abbey for Class 3 Joint with St Marys Buckfast.
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 (RDYC) sailing day
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Trip (TBC)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term