

St Joseph's Journal



25TH JUNE 2021

Feast Day of Ss Peter and Paul



Tuesday 29th June was the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, the two most renowned apostles. We can take great solace from knowing that these two incredible saints, whilst on earth, had faults, like all of us. Despite his flaws, Saint Peter was always trying to do what the Lord asked of him. He did not always get things right but when this happened, he turned back to the Lord and asked for his forgiveness. St Paul's encounter with the risen Lord on the road to Damascus worked a profound transformation in his life. He became a great missionary disciple, amongst the first to spread the work of Jesus and the word of God. He taught us that if we walk with Jesus, we too can transform the lives we live. During Tuesday, discussions were held with the children about how Ss Peter and Paul can have an impact on our own lives and how we can learn from these two great Saints. There are two symbols often associated with these two saints: a key and a sword. In the Gospel reading for June 29th ([Matthew 16:13-19](#)) Jesus gives Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." In [Ephesians 6:10-17](#), Paul encourages his readers to put on the "whole armour of God." The final piece in the armour is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Peter is given the keys, while Paul wields the sword of the Spirit.

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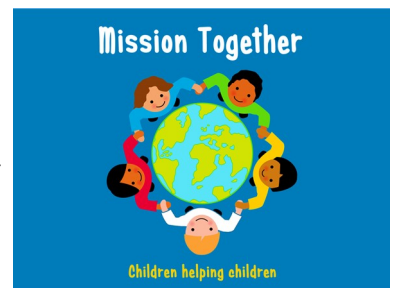
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All other correspondence should be directed to school in the usual way and will be responded to on Monday.

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Day of Many Colours

Tuesday was also our Mission Together Celebration, 'Day of Many Colours'. This is an annual celebration, prepared by Mission Together, the Pope's official children's charity for overseas missions. Through this celebration, we celebrate children across the world, recognising that we all belong to God's worldwide family and follow Christ's example, helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Each day this week, our pupils in school have prayed one decade of the rosary, focusing on children from a different continent of the world each day. The special rosary beads that we pray with have 5 different colours, a colour that is significant to each continent.



Green was chosen to represent the forests and grasslands of Africa

The Red beads on the Mission Rosary represent the fire of faith that inspired missionaries to travel to the Americas.

The White beads on the Mission Rosary represent the Pope, who wears white clothes and lives in Europe.

Blue is used to represent the great waters of Oceania.

The Yellow beads on the Mission Rosary represent the bright morning sun of Asia.

Congratulations Father Peter!



Last Wednesday, 30th June, Father Peter celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination. We are so grateful to Father Peter for the time he spends with our children and the emphasis he places on explaining the liturgical year in such a way that the children can easily access and understand how this is relevant to their own lives. I'm sure you will agree, to give twenty-five years to anything is a real commitment and we know that Father Peter's vocation has blessed the lives of our pupils here at St Joseph's for which we are very privileged. The children sent cards this week to congratulate Father Peter and we hope he has a beautiful weekend of celebrations.



Beech Alice, Emily, Jessica, Logan & Leandro, For all doing some activities on Google classroom this week

Cedar Rayhaan & Laila, Super Maths online learning all week

Elm Jack, For online learning across a range of subjects.

Larch Olivia, Fantastic Poetry writing

Oak Maja, For her reading work



Beech Logan, For doing really well with speed sound practice at home with Mum

Cedar James, & Melissa, Fabulous home learning all week

Elm Eden, For online learning with enthusiasm!

Larch Mavish, Really good effort at Sports Day

Oak Nahid, Good presentation in his work

Whole school Euros 2020 Competition!

As the nation comes together to enjoy 'the beautiful game' we thought we'd join in with the fun and ask our pupils to design their own football kit with prizes for the most creative. Templates for the kit can be found on google classroom or you can simply draw out your own. Deadline for entries will be Friday 9th July - let's hope we're still smiling then - have fun!



Children receiving First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers our Year 4 children in the parish who are, over this weekend and next, making their First Holy Communion. May God bless them all as they take the next step on their journey in their faith.

End of Year Reports



End of year reports will be sent home on Friday 9th July. Should any parents like to discuss this report or ask any questions, they will be given the opportunity to have an appointment the following week via Google Classroom. Please wait for your child's report to come home and if you find there is something you would like to discuss please arrange an appointment with your child's teacher directly through Google Classroom or telephone the office and they will support you in making this appointment.



Friday 9th July Reports out to parents with option to speak with teachers in the final week of term

Friday 16th July School closes for the end of term

Monday 6th September School opens to all pupils for the new academic year 8:40am start time

Please avoid taking children out of school for holidays in term time—they have missed so much already and these absences will not be authorised. Thank you.

Upper School Sports Day

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful sports day for the upper school at Todmorden Cricket Club. The children completed in a variety of events such as sprints, relays, obstacle courses, and throwing events. There was a healthy amount of competition throughout the events, with lots of cheering and sportsmanship on display. A big congratulations to St George's team, who won the upper school sports day. We would like to say a special thank you to Todmorden Cricket Club for kindly allowing St Joseph's to use their grounds for the event.

