



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

13th January 2017

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

★ Amelia Grant	★ Cormac Malone
★ Ellie McLaughlin	★ Leo Davies
★ Grace Brewer	★ Cassey Zmuda
★ Isla-May Edge	★ Nathaniel Wood
★ Mason Clausen	★ Jaden Patrick
★ Theo Delany	★ Jessica Matthews
★ Summer Harding	★ Jessica Lambert

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements out of school during Prayer and Praise.

Congratulations to **Madison Field** who passed her Tap Dancing Level 1 Grade Exam with Merit.

Congratulations to **Harry Martin** and **Owen Steer** who achieved their Green Belt in Martial Arts.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

12th-16th Dec	BIRCH	97.6%
5th-12th Jan	BIRCH	98%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Admissions for Reception 2017/18

The application process for primary places will close this Sunday, **15th January 2017**.

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, you will need to apply for a primary school place online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Dates

17th January	Dr Bike session
16th-19th January	Bikeability
19th January	Y6 swimming
20th January	Prayer and Praise 9.15am
20th January	Y5 Forest School
24th January	ClothesCycle collection
25th January	Phonics workshop 9am
26th January	Y6 swimming
27th January	Y5 Forest School
27th January	Prayer and Praise 9.15am
3rd February	ROWAN Assembly 9.15am
10th February	Non-pupil day
13th-17th February	Half-term holiday

Attendance and Punctuality

St Joseph's wants each and every child to have the best possible attendance at school to enable them to reach their full potential. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results for children. Children who frequently miss school may fall behind in their work which may affect their future prospects. Absence may also have an effect on friendships and confidence. **To help your child to achieve their best attendance, please:**



- Arrive at school between 8.45-9.00am.
- Book non-urgent medical appointments for outside school hours. If your child has to see a doctor or dentist in school time they should attend school for as much of the day as possible. It is not permitted to take a whole day off school for a medical appointment unless the appointment lasts all day.

Registers close at 9.15am. Pupils arriving after this time will be marked as Unauthorised Late. You will be asked to sign in your child in the Late Arrivals File. If your child is too ill to come to school, please telephone the school by 9.15am and let us know.

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Leg it to Lapland WINNERS!

The overall winner of the Leg it to Lapland winter challenge was St Joseph's Primary School who averaged a monumental 15 miles per child over the two weeks of the challenge! Helen Morse will shortly be delivering our new fleet of scooters and helmets to the school for the children to enjoy.

Phonics Screening Workshop

Mrs Stephens will be holding a session for parents on Wednesday 25th January about the Y1 Phonics Screening Test.



The workshop will be most useful to Year 1 parents, however all are welcome. It will cover information on the national Y1 Phonics Screening Test in June.

Prayer and Praise

Parents and parish friends are very welcome to join us for our short act of worship and celebration of achievements every Friday at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you.



Cursive Handwriting

As part of our drive to improve standards of presentation, we have adopted a new cursive handwriting font. The children and staff have been working with great enthusiasm to practise their letter formations and joins. More information can be found on the school website under the Teaching and Learning tab.

www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk

Book Bags and Reading Records

The start of a new term is a good time to encourage parents to continue to read with your child every day. Please complete and sign their Reading Record regularly and ensure your child comes to school with their book bag and Reading Record daily. Information to help you support your child's reading at home can be found on the school website.

School book bags are now back in stock in the school office at a cost of £4.00



Clubs

Wednesday **Homework Club Y4,5,6**

Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson

Wednesday **Circuit Training KS2**

Miss Sealy

Wednesday **Choir (1pm)**

Mrs Soby

Thursday **Fizz Pop Science (finish 4.40pm)**

All clubs finish at 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Dr Bike

Bring your bike to school for a check-up with Dr Bike on Tuesday 17th January. A local qualified bike mechanic will conduct a safety check and basic maintenance on them to make sure they are roadworthy.



Active Mums rides are back for 2017

A new weekly programme of Active mums rides has been launched for 2017, offering you a unique opportunity to ride a bike with your baby or toddler without the hassle. You can get your shape back with like-minded mums and meet new friends on an enjoyable weekly active mums ride. We will provide the bikes, trailers, seats, helmets, high viz jackets, helmets. Rides take place every Wednesday 10.30am from Pro Cycle Centre Bike Shop, Wharf Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2DA



Follow this link to book a place – spaces are limited:

www.letsride.co.uk/rides/active-mums-ride

Thank you

A big thank you to the Friends for the Year 6 portfolios for our new initiative of the Civic Award. The Friends also provided T-shirts for the choir to perform in.

Thank you to the School Council for organising Christmas Jumper Day. We were able to send our donation of £71.60 to Save the Children Fund.



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Changes to 11+ Entrance Examinations for Torbay Schools

The Torbay Selective Schools propose changing the testing arrangements for admission into Year 7 in September 2018 with effect from September 2017.

The three grammar schools in Torbay, namely Torquay Boys' Grammar, Torquay Girls' Grammar and Churston Ferrers Grammar along with the selective stream at Spires, operate a co-ordinated entrance examination with all students taking the same tests on the same days.

Currently the tests consist of two CEM* papers, an English paper (Comprehension and Writing elements) and a Mathematics paper.

The proposal is to remove the Maths paper and the Comprehension element of the English paper as the CEM tests adequately cover the testing of these skills.

This will also remove the need for testing on 2 Saturdays as the testing can be completed in one morning.

You are invited to make any comments regarding this proposal and if you wish to do so please contact the Admissions Officer of Churston Ferrers Grammar School – address below – who will correlate the responses received.

Comments must be received by 31st January 2017.

Copies of each School's Admissions Policy will be published on their websites

*The CEM tests will assess verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning.

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ClothesCycle

ClothesCycle would like to have any unwanted clothes or school uniforms (age 6-16 years) to help them with their work with young refugees and asylum seekers in Greece.

They will be collecting our donations on Tuesday 24th January. Please bring your clothes to the school hall on Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th.

These items cannot be donated: Shoes/trainers, hats/gloves/scarves, socks/tights, non-clothing items

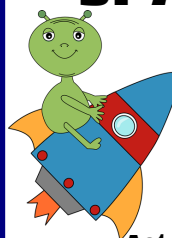
Thank you

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 27th January 2017

SPACE DAY MENU

Thursday 19th January



Blast Off Sausages
Planet Veggie Burger
Rocket Chips
served with

Asteroid Beans & Meteor Peas

Intergalactic Ice Cream
Cosmos Yoghurt
Flying Saucer Fruit



Missing coat

We are trying to locate a coat which went missing at the end of term from Birch class. It is a boy's black Barbour coat. Please check at home. Many thanks



CAFOD

Just one world

CAFOD are looking for School Volunteers: come and join our vibrant team who share the inspirational work of CAFOD in Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. No experience necessary - full training and expenses given. If you are confident speaking in front of groups and enthusiastic about the work of CAFOD, please get in touch with Simon Giarchi: 01752 268 768 or email plymouth@cafod.org.uk

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* "Lord, take my
* heart, my hands,
* my life. May I be
* a living prayer
* to you today."
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Kelly Dunne: Interim Headteacher

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

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officers: Claire Hawkings and Vanessa Crutchlow

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg

Spring Term 2017

These are the dates that have already been arranged for the term.

However, they are subject to change and more will be added.

I would encourage parents to check the most recent copy of the school's newsletter.

12th January	ELM swimming starts (Last session 23rd February)
13th January	Y5 FOREST SCHOOL (Last session 3rd February)
17th January	Dr Bike session
16th-19th January	Bikeability (Y5)
20th January	Parents' Information Sheet/ Homework sheet to go home/Curriculum Planning on website
24th January	ClothesCycle collection
26th January	Dental Survey (R/Y1)
27th January	Attendance Monitoring with Education Welfare Officer
31st January	Cyber Safety workshops for Key Stage 2
1st February	PCSOs visiting school
3rd February	ROWAN Class Assembly 9.15am
6th February	Parent Consultations
7th February	Parent Consultations
9th February	Half term begins at 3.30pm
10th February	Non-Pupil Day
20th February	Pupils and staff return after half term
24th February	Y4 FOREST SCHOOL (Last session 10th March)
1st March	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
10th March	ASH Class Assembly 9.15 am
10th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day
17th March	Y3 FOREST SCHOOL (Last session 31st March)
28th March	Y6 Violin Concert
31st March	Easter Holiday from 3.30pm