



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER



18th November 2016

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Filip Jaglowska
Joel Beswetherick-Sau
Malaki Micklewright
Oliver Cole
Maria Warren
Oliver Bidmead
Charlotte Cottam
Oliver Holt
Hazel Mann
Kadi-May Bowden
MacKenzie Baker
Ethan Woods
Stephen Harris
Owen Steer

Help Needed!

Mrs Mariadas, Mrs Stephens and Miss Warren need three or four strong people to help them to get the stage set up after school on Monday 21st November. If you can help please let them know on Monday morning. All help will be gratefully received.

Oak and Willow's Nativity will take place for parents and family on Friday 9th December at 2.00pm. You are very welcome. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

Phonics Workshop for Parents

Mrs Stephens will be holding a phonics meeting for parents on Tuesday 29th November between 2.30 and 3.20 pm.



The meeting will be most useful to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents. It will cover information on how we teach your child phonics (letter sounds) and help you to support your child's reading and writing at home.

The meeting will be held in the school hall.

Attendance

Congratulations to **WILLOW** class who have the highest attendance so far this year at 96.8%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Advent Liturgy

This liturgy, led by MAPLE class, will take place on Monday 28th November at 9.15am. Parents, and carers are most welcome to attend.



October 12/13th Section 8 Ofsted Inspection

We are still waiting for the final report to be returned to school. The report will be sent home as soon as possible.

Admissions for Reception 2017/18

The application process for primary places opens on 15th November 2016 and will close on 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 either online

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

or by requesting the "First Step" Booklet from Devon County Council.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

The Travelling Crib

Monday 28th November sees the start of our special project for Advent—The Travelling Crib. Each year group has a crib that will go home with a different family for each evening up to end of term. We hope that the Travelling Crib will help our children remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and give them time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.



Friends of St Joseph's

Many thanks to all those who supported the October Discos. We really appreciated the extra help from parents and staff.

Bake Sales will be a competition between the Houses. Who can raise the most money? Ingsdon House start us off on 25th November.

Your support and generosity for the Friends' fundraising efforts help us to help the children. Thank you



Changes to Dinner Money

From January we will be working with ISS, who provide our school dinners, to update our systems and move to online payments for meals.

We invite you to come along to find out more and how to register on **Monday 5th December** or **Wednesday 7th December** at 3pm.

ISS will be on hand to assist with initial registration and explain how the system works. They will also provide some tasters from their menus for you to try.

Please come along if you can. It is important that you are ready to 'go' from January as this will be the only method available for paying for meals.

Dates

22 nd November	Bigfoot Arts Education Y1-6
23 rd November	Fire & Rescue Service Y2/Y5
23 rd November	R and Y6 Height and Weight
28 th November	Y5 Advent Liturgy 9.15am
29 th November	Phonics for Parents 2.30pm
30 th November	Flu Vaccinations Y1, 2 and 3
6 th December	Dinner Money changes
9 th December	Nativity (Oak & Willow) 2pm
14 th December	End of term liturgy 9.30am

Safeguarding and Behaviour

This half term our work has concentrated on anti-bullying. All children will have the opportunity to consider issues related to bullying. This may take the form of an explicit approach or maybe implicit, in terms of looking at friendships and valuing each other to develop individual self-confidence.

To support this work, children in Y1 to Y6 will benefit from an assembly and workshop by Bigfoot Arts Education on Tuesday 22nd November. Their programme will engage the children to focus on the relationships we form with others, as well as the importance of embracing and celebrating differences.

* Thank you God *
* for sending Jesus to be our saviour and our *
* friend. *
* Thank you also that *
* he is a King. *
* Thank you God that we *
* are "children of the *
* kingdom." *
* In Jesus Name, *
* Amen *



**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 2nd December 2016.**

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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 Hawkins and Vanessa Crutchlow

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg