



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

2nd December 2016



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Daisy Smith
Skyy Small
Kayleigh Emerson
Kian Holt
Jack Gould
Daisy Smith
Zack Hornett
Jude Mann
Logan Parnell
Ron Lazaro
Lizzie Harry
William Stackhouse
Cally Jones
Jaden Patrick

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. £166.61 was collected. Without your help they would be unable to carry out their vital welfare and benevolent work.



Very many thanks to Mrs Beslan, mum of Ava in Year 1, for volunteering and helping us to put out the stage ready for Oak and Willow's Nativity.

Prayer and Praise is a whole school act of worship that includes our daily liturgy and the presentation of weekly awards to the children. All parents, family and parishioners are most welcome to come and join in with our prayers and singing. Prayer and Praise is on a Friday morning at 9.15am and lasts for about half an hour. We would love to see you there.

Attendance

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

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send in their photographs of themselves with the Travelling Crib at home.

The photographs can be seen on the front page of the school website and also under latest news. Please keep them coming.

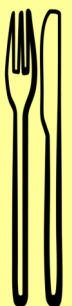


<http://www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk>

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 about 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.

It is important that you are ready to 'go' as you will not be able to pay for school meals with cash from January as online payments will be the only method available for paying for meals.



Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

Christmas Jumper Day

The School Council are holding a 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' day on Friday 16th December 2016.

Children need to bring a donation (suggested £1) and wear something festive.

All money will go to support the charity Save the Children.

We look forward to seeing you all looking festive.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friends of St Joseph's

Ingsdon House Bake Sale raised an amazing £77.11 which will go towards new playground equipment. Thank you for the donations and all those who bought cakes on the day.

Lego Keyrings – thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser. A £38.25 profit was made.

The Friends have donated two hundred Christmas Crackers for the children's school Christmas Lunch to ensure a festive occasion.

Dates

5 th December	Changes to dinner money 3pm
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5 th December	Y5/Y6 at Coombeshead Christmas show
9 th December	Prayer and Praise 9.15am
9 th December	Nativity (Oak & Willow) 2pm
14 th December	School Carol Concert 9.30am
14 th December	Christmas Dinner
16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th December	No Prayer and Praise
16 th December	End of Autumn Term
4 th January	First day of Spring Term

School Clubs

Below are the dates for the last session of school clubs this term

Monday	Maths Club Last session 5th December
Tuesday	Primary Sports—Finished No Netball Tues 2nd December
Wednesday	Homework - Finished Last session 30th November Library—Finished Last session 30th November
Thursday	Drama Last session 12th December

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 14th December. Please note this will be the only meal served that day so if your child is not having Christmas lunch then you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Children can order their lunch in the usual way at registration.



Roast Turkey
Sage and onion stuffing
Gravy
or
Christmas Butternut Squash Pastry Slice

Served with peas, carrots, sprouts
and
roasted potatoes.

Christmas ice-cream pot
or
Cranberry cookie

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 16th December 2016.**

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Sustrans comes to St Joseph's

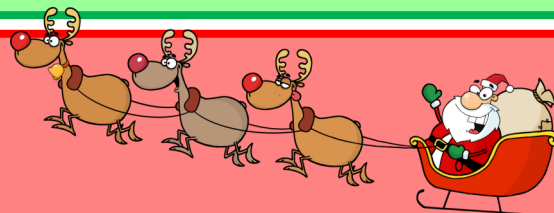
A project run by Sustrans, the country's leading sustainable transport charity, is starting at St Joseph's to help more pupils to be able to cycle, scoot or walk to and from school. Over the next year the School Council will be working with Helen Morse from Sustrans to promote active travel. Cycling, scooting and walking are excellent ways for children to travel to school, as it is good for their health, the environment and it helps to develop independence and road safety skills. Sustrans focuses on making active travel as safe as possible, and by reducing the number of cars around the school, we can help to make the neighbourhood a quieter, safer and less congested place. Sustrans will be doing many activities in school, so look out for more information in future newsletters. If you have any questions or concerns whatsoever talk to our School Champion, Miss Hannaford.



PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the required PE kit and trainers in school every day so that they can take part in their curriculum lessons. It is helpful if all clothing is named. Thank you

Leg it to Lapland!



From the 5th-16th December St Joseph's Primary School will be taking part in the Sustrans Leg it to Lapland winter challenge. The school will be competing against two other local primary schools, Decoy and Kingskerswell, to race to Lapland by accumulating 'Leg miles' through walking, cycling and scooting to school. There will also be activities taking place within the school to help gain extra miles.

You can help the school win the race to Lapland by allowing your children to walk, cycle or scoot to school during the challenge. The first school to reach Lapland will receive a fleet of 8 JD Bug scooters for the school and there will be numerous other prizes awarded throughout the challenge.

Phonics

Thank you to all the parents who attended Mrs Stephens' workshop this week. Phonics resources shared at the workshop will be available for download from the school website next week.

If any parents would like paper copies, please see Mrs Stephens.

We will be offering further phonics workshops later in the year.



Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, we kindly ask that you telephone the school office before 9am and leave a message on the answerphone.



God of hope,
you light the way for us
in the darkest times.

May we also be light for others
when they are struggling.

Amen



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