



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

12th May 2017

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Annie Turner	Robin Harris
William Bath	Ellie McLaughlin
Daisy Chedgoy-Ashton	Grace Brewer
Kian Voisey	Teyla Byrne
Ruby Slatter	Isaac Beswetherick-Sau
Phoebe Seaman	Maple Class
Oliver Holt	Elm Class

REACHING FOR THE STARS

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

Congratulations to **Maja Haponiuk** for gaining her **Stage 3**, **Kayla Quainoo** for gaining her **Stage 5** and **Harry Peters** for gaining his **Stage 6** Learn to Swim award.

Congratulations to **Jack Slatter** who has achieved his **20m** swimming award

Congratulations to **Owen Steer** who has achieved the grade of **Brown Belt** in Martial Arts.

Congratulations to **Oisin Malone**, **Theo Delaney**, **Charlie Curtis**, **George Yeadon**, **Nathaniel Wood** and **Joel Beswetherick Sau** on their **Rugby** achievements.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

28th Apr - 4th May **ASH** 100%

8th—12th May **ELM** 100%

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Dates

15th - 19th May	National Walk to School Week
18th May	Maple Swimming
19th May	Willow Forest School
25th May	'Friends' Disco
25th May	Elm Sleepover
25th May	Maple Swimming
26th May	Willow Forest School
29th May - 2nd June	Half-Term Holiday
12th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
16th June	Y2 Act of Worship
29th June	SS Peter and Paul
30th June	Y1 Act of Worship
6th July	New intake induction
7th July	School Reports
10th - 12th July	Y6 Residential
13th July	New intake induction
14th July	Reception Act of Worship
14th July	Y6 KS2 data to go home
18th July	Leavers Assembly
19th July	Sports Day
21st July	Last day for staff and pupils

First Holy Communion

Four children from St Joseph's will be celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks.



We wish Kian, Kasper, Stanley, Declan and their families a lovely day. Please remember them in your prayers.

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Tapestry

If your child attends our Reception class, you will have at some point received a login for Tapestry. This is so you can view your child's learning and progress online. If you are having any trouble with logging in to Tapestry, please see Miss Warren.

Egyptian Day

" Year 3 and 4 travelled back to the year 1905, where they became archaeologists about to discover the tomb of the great Tutankhamen! As well as piecing together artefacts, exploring hidden treasures, and even playing an Egyptian board game, they all took part in a live MUMMIFICATION! What a great way to start our new topic!"



PE Kit

Participation in PE is hugely important for the development of health, fitness and wider skills for learning, such as resilience and collaboration. We have noticed a number of children are regularly forgetting their PE kit. This is a reminder to all parents that it needs to be in school every day. Children who have forgotten their kit will still be expected to take part in the lesson. Please support your children to participate fully in lessons.

At St Joseph's the PE Kit is:

White t-shirt or polo shirt
Navy blue shorts
Suitable trainers

Safeguarding

St Joseph's Safeguarding Policy was reviewed at the end of last term and the new governors' adopted policy can be found on the school's website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Every educational setting must have a Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy which, together with other linked policies, should enable pupils and staff to feel supported in a safe and caring environment.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Thank you to all of you who have already passed on your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. These vouchers are no longer being given out by Sainsbury's stores, but please pass on any remaining vouchers by handing them into the school office. We look forward to being able to order some new play equipment over the next couple of weeks.

Well done to Maple class on recent comments from the staff at Teignbridge Leisure Centre who said they have excellent behaviour and listening skills. It is always nice to receive compliments from outside the school. Well done everyone.

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The phonics screening for Year 1 and 2 children will take place in the second week of June. Please visit <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-phonics-screening-check/> for a video that gives information about the check. This link can also be found on the Willow Yr1 page of our school website. If you would like any further information then please see Mrs Stephens.

School Funding

We are sure that many of you will be fully aware from the news that all schools are facing enormous cost pressures. The National Audit Office estimates that schools' budgets will shrink in real terms by £3 billion by 2019/20.

The money provided to run our schools has been consistent for the past few years. Whilst at first glance this may seem good, we need to remember that there has been a huge increase in the costs of National Insurance and Pension contributions, this has impacted heavily on budgets. The new funding coming into schools is, in the main, money to set up grammar schools and free schools. The recent headlines have been caused by a proposed new funding formula for schools, designed to create a fairer allocation. However, with increasing costs placed onto all schools the new formula will not bring the benefits that we had hoped to see.

We are of course working hard on looking for savings through creative management of the budget. We will continue to keep you informed and of course our priority is to maintain, and develop further, the quality of education that your children deserve.

You can learn more about this www.fairfundingforallschools.org

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 26th May 2017.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

Clubs

Monday Marvellous Maths Y5,6

Mrs Sharman

Tuesday Multi Skills Y1,2

Wednesday Homework Club Y4,5,6

Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson

Wednesday Choir (1pm)

Mrs Soby

All clubs finish at 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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.

We are currently decorating the fence in the playground with fabric ribbons. If anyone has any brightly coloured scraps of fabric at home they would like to donate to us we would be very grateful.

May is a month dedicated to Mary.



During May, we think about Mary and we try to live like her. We ask Mary to pray for us and to help carry our prayers to God.

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Kelly Dunne: 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