



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

31st March 2017

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our  
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Jude Mann	Filip Jaglowski
Barney Hickman	Harry Leeper
Charlie Bullock	Carla East
Jessica Matthews	Stanley Usher
Isaac Beswetherick-Sau	Annie McKinley
Oisin Malone	Mason Honeywill
Alanah East	Alex Tomlin

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

Congratulations to **William Stackhouse & Jessica Matthews** who have achieved 50m in swimming.

Congratulations to **Hazel Mann** who has achieved her Level 5 Proficiency Award in gymnastics.

Congratulations to **Harley Jordan** who has achieved his Stage 1 & 2 Learn to Swim Award.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon & Scarlett Evans** who passed their grading in Taekwondo.

Congratulations to **Maria Warren** who was awarded a rosette for pony care & riding skills.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

17th-23rd Mar	<b>BIRCH</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
24th-30th Mar	<b>ROWAN</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

### Dates

18th April	Start of Summer Term
20th April	Maple Swimming
20th April	Class Photographs
21st April	Birch Forest School
26th April	Start of the Book Fair
27th April	Maple Swimming
28th April	Birch Forest School

### Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

**Come and join us!**

**When: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Where: School Hall, 3.30 – 4.00pm**

There are over **200** titles for you and your child to choose from and, with prices starting from **only £2.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift Vouchers available at **[bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents)**. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners will go up on **1st April** by 10p from £2.15 to **£2.25**.

The **new menu** is now available on their website. If you would like a paper copy please call in to the office.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

### Past Pupils' Sporting Success

Last weekend, Meg Benefer's TTNC Spartans Regional Netball Team, which she co - captains, qualified for the Under 16's Nationals. At the end of April, they will travel to Essex where they will represent the South West region, competing against the top teams from across the country. It is the first time that a team from Devon has qualified for forty years! Meg is also on the England Netball Performance Pathway and currently trains at the Regional Academy in Truro.

In another part of Bristol, Robert Hoare was competing in the Regional Tumbling trials. Despite recovering from pneumonia, Robert has qualified for the National Tumbling Championship!

Both Meg and Robert have training and fitness up to five times a week but their hard work is obviously paying dividends.

Mrs Benefer and Mrs Hoare are extremely proud.  
What an amazing Mothers' Day!

### Clubs

Monday	<b>Marvellous Maths Y5,6 (24/4)</b> Mrs Sharman
Wednesday	<b>Homework Club Y4,5,6</b> Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson
Wednesday	<b>Choir (1pm)</b> Mrs Soby

### Prayer and Praise

There will be no Act of Worship at 9.15am on Friday 21st April. This is due to Resurrection Rock! at 2.30pm.

### Resurrection Rock!

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Friday 21st April** at **2.30pm** to help us celebrate Easter.

The whole school will be involved in a **rock musical** retelling of the Easter story.

### Have you heard of YouTube Kids?

It is very easy to access inappropriate content whilst viewing YouTube. Consider downloading and installing YouTube for Kids, it gives your family an easy way to watch favourite programmes and explore, it's free, simple to use and full of family-friendly videos.

Another very useful resource for parents is a video for parents from Commonsense Media - 5 Ways to make YouTube Safer for Kids.

**Please may we remind you that any photos taken during assembly should NOT be shared on social media. Thank you.**

### Bikeability

Well done to the pupils from Maple who recently completed their Bikeability in School. The instructor Phil said **'It is always a pleasure to come to St Joseph's because I know I will get a lovely bunch of children'**

### Parent Governor Elections

Congratulations to **Lee Avery & Amanda Ineson** on their election as Parent Governors, starting in April, for a period of 4 years.

We thank them for their willingness to support the school & wish them luck in their new roles.

### Summer School Uniform

A reminder that summer uniform for girls is a blue & white striped or check dress with a navy cardigan or jumper and for boys grey shorts or trousers.

**Thank you to the Friends of St Joseph's for organising the 'Special People' sale.**

Could we please remind everyone that the children should not bring toys from home into school. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Lenten Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Lenten Fundraising in aid of **CLIC Sargent & CAFOD**.

We will give you the total amount raised in the next newsletter.

**Birch** class will start **Forest School** on **Friday 21st April**. Could children please remember to bring in a change of clothes.

### Encouraging good attendance

At St Joseph's, we are constantly striving to improve attendance. The School Council have been gathering ideas from their classes about how we can encourage good attendance.

- ✓ We have introduced a 'Marble in the Jar' - each child who is **in school Monday to Friday with no lates** has a marble to contribute to a whole school reward.
- ✓ The children have also asked for certificates to reward them for **improved attendance**, not just 100% attendance.
- ✓ We are also going to introduce a new **attendance mascot** for the classes with the highest weekly attendance.

Your role as parents is the vital link in the chain. We rely on you to continue to ensure your children are in school on time every day. If there is anything we can do to support you, please do not hesitate to pop in.

**The next newsletter will go home on:  
Friday 28th April 2017**

We would like to thank **Bernie Price** for a very kind donation of £40. We will be using the money to buy chocolate eggs for the children.

**ELM** class took part in a concert at Coombeshead Academy on Tuesday as part of a project with The Bushel Youth and Community Orchestra. They performed the violin in front of an audience after just six lessons.

**Well done to all of you.**



**ACTIVE TRAVEL PHOTO COMPETITION**

Capture your best active travel moment over the Easter holidays and send it in to us via Twitter or Email!  
Entries close 21st April  
**PRIZES TO BE WON!**  
Send entries to:  
Email: [devon@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:devon@sustrans.org.uk)  
Twitter: @sustransdevon

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 20th April** to take class photos.

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\* Red is for the blood He gave \*  
\* Green is for the grass He made \*  
\* Yellow is for the sun so bright \*  
\* Orange is for the edge of night \*  
\* Black is for the sins He made \*  
\* White is for the grace He gave \*  
\* Purple is for His hour of sorrow \*  
\* Pink is for our new tomorrow. \*  
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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