



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2017

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

★ Alfie Gee	★ Charlie Edge
★ Patrick Halse	★ Kimberley Kneeshaw
★ Ella-Mae Rooney	★ Harrison Hickman
★ Michael Burke	★ Mieszko Zuber
★ Chloe Leeper	★ Kian Holt
★ Olly Lofthouse	★ Charlie Curtis
★ Daisy Smith	★ Charlotte Cottam

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

Congratulations to **Jessica Matthews** for gaining her **Stage 5** Learn to Swim award & **Kasper Haponiuk** for gaining his **Stage 4** Learn to Swim award.

Please bring certificates and awards to the office.

We respectfully remind everyone about the importance of NOT parking on double yellow lines or the footpath. There was an incident outside the school this morning which could have led to an injured child. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Dates

9th March	Ash Scooter Safety
10th March	ASH Assembly 9.15am
10th March	Rowan Forest School
16th March	Rowan Scooter Safety
17th March	Rowan Forest School
31st March	End of Spring Term
18th April	Start of Summer Term

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

20th-23rd Feb	ELM	96%
27th Feb-2nd Mar	ELM	96.8%



Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is a grant allocated to schools for every pupil who is eligible for free school meals (FSM) or has been eligible for FSM at any time over the previous six years. A different amount is given for children of Service personnel.

We currently have 160 children on roll and approximately 23% of pupils are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. Of these approximately:

- 20% of pupils in the school are currently eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).
- 1.1% of pupils in the school have been eligible for free school meals in one or more of the previous 6 years (Ever 6).
- 1.3% of pupils in the school are from Service families.

The Governors of St Joseph's School have written an annual statement for parents, on how the pupil premium funding will be used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap' for disadvantaged pupils. The Pupil Premium strategy for 2016-17 can be found in the 'Statutory Information' section of the school's website.

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

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Lent

Lent is a time for reconciliation and growing closer to God. It is a time for doing something positive and, as is our Catholic tradition, the children and staff will focus on:



Prayer—spending more time with God.

Alms-giving—Giving to those who have very little or sharing what you have with someone who needs it.

Fasting—Giving up something that you really like.

On Monday 6th March we start our special project for Lent - 'Our Lenten Promises'. To help us prepare for Easter we are spending time thinking about the kind of person we are and if we need to change for the better in any way.

Each year group has a Lenten Promises pack that will go home with a different family for each evening up to the end of term. Please remember to return one cross for our display in school.

The two charities that we are supporting this Lent are CLIC Sargent and CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (www.cafod.org.uk). Each class will hold a fundraising activity to support alms-giving. Details of fundraising activities will follow from individual class teachers. Representatives from both charities will come into school to share with the children the good work of their organisation.

CAFOD
Just one world

Clubs

Monday	Marvellous Maths Y3,4 Mrs Sharman
Tuesday	Multi Skills KS1
Tuesday	Netball KS2 Mrs Atkinson
Wednesday	Homework Club Y4,5,6 Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson
Wednesday	Circuit Training KS2 Miss Sealy
Wednesday	Choir (1pm) Mrs Soby

All clubs finish at 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy



Thank you to Deacon Tim who helped us mark the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy on the 1st March.

ECT Language School require extra host families in the Newton Abbot area to accommodate students on their school trips to Teignbridge from March. If you have a spare bedroom and could offer accommodation please contact Alex on 07712528807 or email info@ectdevon.co.uk

We are delighted that our own fundraising efforts will support one of our parents, Russell Matthews, who, in aid of CLIC Sargent, is running the Torbay Half Marathon in June, before cycling the 1000 miles from Lands End to John O'Groats in late August. CLIC Sargent have been absolutely fantastic in supporting his family since the diagnosis of his son's Leukaemia last year.



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The Incredible Years Parent Programme is designed to strengthen parent-child interactions and promote positive attachments and support parents to reduce harsh discipline measures.

The programme also works with parents to promote their child's social, emotional and language development to support school participation.

Come to our incredible years parent group :-

9.30am—11.30am

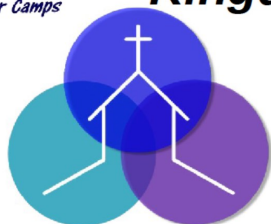
Starting on 15th March for 13 weeks

**Upton Vale Baptist Church, St Marychurch Rd,
Torquay**

Contact **South West Family Values** to book your place, **01803 611760** or email **info@southwestfamilyvalues.org.uk**



**"Living in God's
Kingdom"**



COME AND JOIN US!

SENIOR CAMP: 30th July-4th August 2017
St. PETROCS: 30th July-4th August 2017
JUNIOR CAMP: 6th -11th August 2017

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 17th March 2017**



Read Write Inc. Phonics

At St Joseph's, we believe reading to be a very important part of children's learning and, as part of our work to improve outcomes for pupils, we have introduced Read Write Inc which is the market leader in teaching children to read. We chose this particular programme because it:

- is rooted in synthetic phonics.
- has been tried and tested over and over again
- is systematic, structured and therefore results in rapid teaching and learning of sounds and blending.
- means that, importantly and simply, when children know these sounds well and they can blend, they read books that are carefully matched to the sounds they know, which means that children are successful from the very beginning!

Extensive new resources to support the programme are now in school and all of our Reception and Key Stage 1 staff have received intensive training over the last couple of weeks. More information can be found on the school website or contact Mrs Rosie Stephens.

"Come back to your Lord and God.
He is waiting to forgive you, full of
kindness and love. He has no wish
to punish you. Be brave and say to
him, 'Lord, save your people.'"

Joel

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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