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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

30th September 2016

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Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Jessica Matthews
Brooke Lofthouse
Hallie Lofthouse
Robin Harris
Shanead Robinson
John Burke
Ava-Marie Breslan
Adam Turner
Summer Harding
Scarlett Evans
Ashton Coombes
Theo Delany
Freya Byrne
Summer Harding

School Council

We have had to change the dates for manifestos, elections and announcements due to limited interest. Please encourage your child to consider this positive role that ensures that pupil voice may be heard within the school. The new date for manifestos is Monday 3rd October.

Declan Rooney

New Governor

We are very pleased to welcome Michael Quainoo to the Governing Body as a new Foundation Governor. Our Governing Body is a dedicated group of volunteers who work alongside the Headteacher to ensure that our school grows and flourishes.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays Marvellous Maths

Mrs Sharman

Tuesdays Craft Club/ Miss Warren

Primary Sports/ Mr Farnham

Wednesdays Book Worms/ Mrs Stephens

Homework/ Miss Dunne

Thursdays Drama Club/ Miss Jones

Please ensure that children are collected promptly at club finishing time. Parents should wait for their children in the school entrance and staff will bring children to their parents. Thank you.

Change of menu

The menu for Thursday 6th October and Friday 7th October has changed.



Friday will now be sweetcorn and pepper pizza, margherita pizza or Mexican rice wrap, coleslaw, sweetcorn and pear upside down cake.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

The Friends of St Joseph's.

Looking for a birthday gift or a Christmas present? Order a personalised Lego keyring for just £2.75 (normal retail price £3.50). For more details look out for the leaflet and order form coming home with your child soon. All money raised from the sale of the Lego keyrings will be used to help purchase new picnic benches for the playground.

School disco - Thursday 13th October.

Help needed! Any help running the shop or on the door would be much appreciated. Please see Sarah Stackhouse, Sam Smith or Emma Seaman if you are able to help. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Harvest Thanksgiving

At 9.15am on Friday 7th October ELM Class will be leading the school in our Harvest Thanksgiving to which all parents and carers are welcome.

During the act of worship there will be a special collection to support the work of HITs. (Homeless in Teignbrige Support) The food will then be distributed to local families within our community who are in need of our support. Children may bring in donations to their class teacher on the morning of Friday 7th October. Suitable donations are tinned and packaged items including:

Baked beans

Pasta

Cereal

Tea/coffee

Tinned fruit

Sugar

Jam

Instant noodles

Biscuits

Information about this local charity working with those in crisis and need in our community can be found at http://hitsfoodbank.org

Behaviour and Safeguarding

You may remember that Sir Brian Pearse, Chairman of CAST, wrote to all parents in July. His letter explained that the school would continue to update parents of it's response to the priorities raised from the Ofsted visit in June 2016. As part of this commitment I will ensure that each newsletter updates parents on these priority areas.

- Mrs Folland and Miss Dunne met with Beverly Dubash, Devon's Head of Learner Services & Safeguarding Lead for Education; Jeanette Savage, SEN Advisor for Babcock LDP; Anthony Boulton Professional Lead for Babcock LDP Behaviour Support Team and Jane Lake, Education Safeguarding Officer to plan how their support may help the school move to a position of strength.
- A new Safeguarding governor is in place and training has been identified.
- Attendance training has been organised.
- Staff have revised the Behaviour Policy.
- Staff have received training on 'Growth Mindset' and are working with children to develop new attitudes to learning.
- Incentives and rewards are being developed to ensure an atmosphere that promotes positive behaviour.
- A school Health and Safety (H&S) co-ordinator and governor are in place.
- Fire risk assessment has been carried out and an action plan developed.

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St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.