

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*Live, Learn and Love in a Caring Catholic Community*

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**



## **Stars of the Week**

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Finley Bayldon

Harry Slatter

Carmen Hanson

Charlie Cole

Alannah East

Jakub Kubien

## **Our Learning Values**

**Respect**

**Collaboration**

**Aiming High**

**Questioning**

**Resilience**

**Reflecting**

## **Welcome**

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I would especially like to welcome all the new children, their families and new members of staff who have started at St. Joseph's this term.

It is wonderful to join the team at St. Joseph's as Interim Headteacher. I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the term. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

Kelly Dunne

## **Welcome to new staff**

You will notice lots of new faces around the school as we welcome several new members of staff. Mrs Bearne joins us as our School Administrator; Miss Sealy is teaching Year 3 and Miss Lintern is teaching Year 2 whilst Mrs Halstead is absent. We look forward to working with them.

## **Friends of St. Joseph's School**

We are very grateful for the hard work of the Friends. They work tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds for the benefit of all the children at St Joseph's. Please consider supporting them this year when there is an opportunity. Their first event is Key Stage discos on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Details to follow near the date.

## **Building Work**

In the holidays work on the fascias and soffits was carried out and it has made a great difference to the visual appearance of the school. At half term work on improving the security of the school's entrance will begin. The works will be planned to minimise any disruption to the school day. Inevitably there will be some alterations to how we do things, such as access around the school and we will notify you when we need to make changes to the usual running of the school. We trust you will soon see the results of the improvements taking shape as we develop the school for the future.

## **Mobile Phones**

While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, St Joseph's discourages pupils bringing mobile phones to school. When a child needs to bring a phone into school the phone must be left in the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day.

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Kelly Dunne: Interim Head Teacher

CAST Academy of Schools South West.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officers: Claire Hawkings and Vanessa Crutchlow  
Named Governor for Child Protection: Sue Pitcher

**Breakfast and After School Club**

If you use the Breakfast and After School Club at any time, please ensure that you book your child in with the School Office on a weekly basis.

If your booking changes in any way please notify the office, to safeguard your child and the school, as sometimes children are uncertain themselves if they are booked in or not.

**Lost Property**

We have bags of lost property that will be available on the playground after school on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Please claim your child's belongings.

All unclaimed uniform will then be given to a local charity shop. Details of which shop will be included in the next newsletter.

The school encourages children to look after their own and other people's property. Parents can support their children by making sure that all clothing is clearly and permanently named, including footwear.

**Parking**

Please be aware that we have no parking provision outside school. For the safety of our children please park with consideration and avoid parking on the yellow lines outside school.

**School Council**

Children in Y1 upwards have the chance to be a member of the School Council. To stand for election pupils need to write a manifesto that:

- Introduces themselves
- Explains why they want to be a School Council Representative
  - Explains why they would be a good choice for their class

Parents are welcome to help their younger children to write their manifesto, but it is important that the child wants to be a School Council Representative.

All manifestos are to be handed to Miss Hannaford by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Elections will be held in classes on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The new School Council will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Late manifestos will not be accepted.

**Pupil Premium**

For every child registered for free school meals, our school receives £1320 to support learning. If you are entitled to free school meals, even if your child is in KS1 and gets a meal automatically, it is important to register. Pupil Premium is paid direct to schools, allocated to them for every pupil who has been eligible for free school meals at any time over the previous six years. Schools decide how to use the funding, as they are best placed to assess what additional provision their pupils need.

Registering is straightforward. For more information and to register please visit [new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals](http://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals) or telephone the Devon Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

**Behaviour and Safeguarding**

We are currently reviewing the school's Behaviour Policy. We value your opinion, so we will be sending home a copy of the policy soon for consultation. Improving behaviour throughout the school day is an important focus for us.

Primary schools have a key role to play in supporting children to understand and appreciate British values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. These are all in line with our ethos and teachings as a Catholic school. In these first weeks of term we are concentrating on democracy through our work on class charters and the rights associated with these as well as class and school councils.

**Year 6 Parents**

You should soon receive details about how to apply online for a secondary school place for your child. You need to apply for a school place online by **31st October**. If we can be of any help in the process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. As always it is crucial that applications are received by the deadline of 31st October. Online applicants will receive immediate confirmation of their preferences, can change their minds anytime until midnight on 31st October, and can log in to see their offers on the morning of 1st March 2017.

Detailed information on how to apply for your child's transfer to Secondary Education in September 2017 can be found from the homepage at: <http://new.devon.gov.uk>

**Dates**

Keep an eye out for the term dates that will be sent home next week. The term dates are subject to change and I would encourage parents to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

**School Website**

The school has been working with eSchools to develop a new school website and it will be launched at the end of September. We are very excited about the new website and the opportunities it offers to improve home school communication. Parents can view their child's homework and class pages. You will begin to book parents' evening appointments and receive communications from the school office all in one place, through a dedicated login for parents. Logins will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

**Congratulations**

Please remember our Governor, Tim Van Kroonenburg, in your prayers. He is being ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 1st October at Plymouth Cathedral. May he be blessed on his Ordination day and every day as he carries out God's work.

**School Clubs**

Letters for clubs will be sent out next week. I advise that you sign up quickly if your child wants a place. Below are the clubs that are running this term.

<b>Monday</b>	Marvellous Maths (Y3 – 6)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Craft Club (Y1 – 2) Multi-skills (KS1)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework (Y5 – 6) Choir (Y1 – 6) Bookworms (Y1 – 4)
<b>Thursday</b>	Drama (Y5 – 6)

**Dear Heavenly Father,  
Friend of all children,**

**Bless our school.**

**Bless the pupils and the staff who  
work here.**

**You chose St. Joseph to be the father  
of Jesus.**

**Help us to serve you as he did,  
and to live, love, work and serve as  
Jesus taught us.**

**Amen**