



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

16th December 2016



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Eliza Kubien

Alanah East

Warren Diamond

Sapphire Wood

Vlad Gheorghe

Owen Steer

Harrison Hickman

Christmas Services 2016
at St. Joseph's Church,
Newton Abbot



Christmas Eve
10.30am Children's Liturgy/Nativity
(with refreshments after)
8pm 'Midnight Mass'

Christmas Day
10.30 am Mass

Boxing Day
10am Mass

Congratulations to **Riley-Jay McMahon** who has achieved his Stage 1 Learn to Swim Award and to **Stephen Harris** who achieved his 20 metre swimming certificate.

Well done **George Yeadon** for being awarded a trophy for 'Best Little Puma' by Devon Martial Arts .

It is wonderful to celebrate the hard work and talents of our pupils. Children are invited to bring in their certificates, medals and good news on a Friday morning so that they can be given out at assembly and celebrated in the school newsletter.

Travelling Crib

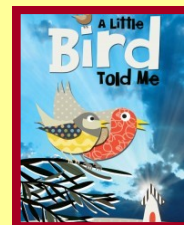
Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send in their photographs of themselves with the Travelling Crib at home. The photographs can still be seen on the front page of the school website following the link in:



<http://www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk>

Nativity

Many thanks to everyone involved in Oak and Willow Classes production of the 'A Little Bird Told Me'. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy themselves as they re-told the Christmas story with their beautiful singing and acting.



Many thanks to staff and parents for all their hard work. Thank you to the Friends who kindly served tea, coffee and mince pies after the performance.

Attendance

Congratulations to **BIRCH** class who have the highest attendance so far this year at 98% .

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

Admissions for Reception 2017/18

The application process for primary places opened on 15th November 2016 and will close on **15th January 2017**.

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, you will need to apply for a primary school place either online

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

or by requesting the "First Step" Booklet from Devon County Council.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The school is taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids again this year. Please post your vouchers in the box in the school lobby.



This very worthwhile fundraiser was responsible for two large boxes of play equipment being delivered to school this week. Please send in all the vouchers that you can.

Good-bye and Thank You

We say good-bye and thank you to Mrs McMahon who has worked as one of the school's SENCos this term. We thank Mrs McMahon for her hard work and wish her all the very best.

Welcome

Mrs Wilson who has worked as one of the school's SENCos this term, will increase her work to full time on our return in January. Mrs Wilson will support the school as SENCo and Assistant Head on a temporary basis until 31st August 2016.

School Nursing Service Update

The School Nursing service across Devon has been developing their service to improve access to a School Nurse and to information and support for all school aged children. Their most recent newsletter can be found on the school's website.

Dates

4 th January	First day of Spring Term.
12 th January	First Y6 Swimming session (every Thursday until 23 rd Feb.)
18 th January	Bikeability - all day
19th January	Bikeability - all day
20th January	Bikeability - all day
25 th January	Phonics Screening Workshop
26 th January	Dental Survey (R/ Y1)

Children in Need

Many thanks for supporting the School Council's charity fundraising for Children in Need. A wonderful £117.86 was raised.



The staff of St. Joseph's
wish you all a peaceful Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 13th January 2016.

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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