



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



17th November 2017

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Ellis Gillam

Leo Davies

Freya Barry

Ty Honeywill

Kayla Quainoo

Shanaed Robinson

Grace Stoye

Imogen Voisey

Ellie McLaughlin

William Stoye

Kian Voisey

Oisin Malone

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

Congratulations to **Autumn Avery** for gaining a trophy for **Bell Ringing**.

Congratulations to **Elliott Mizen** for receiving a medal for **Cricket**.

Congratulations to **William & Emily Bath** for gaining their first stripe **orange belt** in Karate.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

2nd-9th Nov **MAPLE** **98.7%**

10th-16th Nov **ELM** **97.1%**

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

REMINDER

School is closed on
Monday 20th November.

Dates

20th November	Non-pupil day
20th-24th November	Road Safety Week
30th November	School Discos
1st December	Maple Class Advent Liturgy
8th December	R/Yr1 Nativity 2pm
13th December	Christmas Carol Concert
13th December	Christmas dinner

Medicines in School

The school policy is changing so that it is line with the Statutory Guidance about the support that pupils with medical conditions should receive at school. Parents are advised:

- Prescription Medicines should only be brought to school when it is essential to administer it during the school day. In the vast majority of cases, doses of medicine can be arranged around the school day thus avoiding the need for medicine in school. Antibiotics for example are usually taken three times a day, so can be given with breakfast, on getting home from school and then at bedtime. Occasionally a GP may prescribe that a medicine has to be taken during the school day. Only medicines to be taken four times a day, or which are for a long-term or re-occurring illness will be administered by school staff.
- Parents must complete and sign a Medicines in School form for prescribed medicines (those to be taken four times a day only) to be administered by school staff.
- Prescription medicines can only be accepted if they are in-date, in the original packaging and labelled with the dosage and instructions.
- Non-prescription medicines e.g. pain relief, cannot be administered by school staff from 1st December. However, parents may call in to school to administer the medicines themselves, or inform school if a family member or friend, over the age of eighteen, is to do this on their behalf.

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.



The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police and launches on 27th November 2017.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Primary Admissions 2018/19

Was your child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?

Applications can now be made for a primary school place for September 2018. You must apply for your child's school place by **15th January 2018**. If you apply after this date, the application will be considered late.

You can apply for a school place online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or using the paper version in the First Steps booklet.

If you need help applying online or haven't got internet access at home please contact the school, we would be more than happy to help you. If you apply online, you can view your offer online on the offer date.

Please ensure that the Supplementary Form (available from the school office) for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2018. Without this form your child may be lower in the priorities for admission and risk not getting a place at St Joseph's School.

Oak Class

Could you spare a few hours a week to help in Oak class? If you are interested, let the office know or speak to Miss Warren.

They are also on the look out for jigsaw puzzles or games suitable for ages 3-6, if you have any in good condition that you would like to donate, we would be most grateful.



A massive **thank you** to everyone who has donated a shoebox. We have had a great response and have received 46 shoeboxes in total. You are amazing!!



A series of evenings will be held, starting on November 13th, on Mondays between 7:30 – 9 pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Newton Abbot. It doesn't matter if you haven't attended the first session.

RCIA is a course run by a parish team for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith and the church.

All are welcome, but especially those who are just curious about the Catholic faith. For further details tel: 01626 365231

The Friends of St Joseph's School

We would like to thank parents, carers, families and staff for supporting the various fundraising events that have been held over the last year. You have all contributed to the success of these, and together we have contributed to a Friends' account balance of **£2375.56**. Your continued support is appreciated by everyone at the school, thank you all very much.

We are currently in the process of relaunching the 'Friends of St Joseph'. In July many of the 'Friends' stepped down as their children left the school, and over the last month two other parents have had to step aside because of their personal commitments.

In the new year, we will hold an AGM where a new committee can be elected- Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a constitution, a set of rules to follow, can be agreed. In the meantime, we are committed to ensuring that monies raised are spent so that our current children benefit from our fundraising. Plans for expenditure are:

Two picnic benches as requested by pupils.
A Buddy Bench
Crackers for the Christmas Dinner



Future fundraising this term includes a **School Disco on Thursday 30th November**, KS1 5-6pm & KS2 6.30-7.30pm, **Children's Chocolate Raffle** and **Decorate a Christmas Tree** competition. Details will follow shortly.

Finally, **very many thanks** go to **Sarah Stackhouse** and **Emma Seaman** who have stepped down as committee members of the 'Friends of St Joseph's'. We appreciate the time and effort that they have given over the years and wish them all the very best.

Advent Liturgy

This liturgy, led by **MAPLE** class, will take place on **Friday 1st December** at 9.15am.



Parents, and carers are most welcome to attend.

Children in Need The BIG Spotacular

Many thanks to all our families who have supported our fundraising efforts today for Children in Need.



Congratulations

This term two members of staff have announced that they are expecting babies. We are delighted for them and wish them the very best of health over the coming months.



Unfortunately, Miss Hansford has been unwell in the early stages of her pregnancy and is yet to return to work. Mrs Stephens is happy and healthy and will continue to work until later in the school year.

Primary Sports Christmas Sports Camp

Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st.

Abbotskerswell Primary School

8.30am-3.30pm, £10 per day, per child.

Take someone along who is new to primary sport and receive a £1 discount for your child and the new child for that day.

Any questions or to book

Email: mike2@primary-sports.co.uk

Leg it to Lapland

For the next two weeks, St Joseph's will once again be taking part in the Leg it to Lapland challenge. This is a competition between schools where you collect miles by walking, scooting or cycling to school. It is the school that "gets to Lapland" first or the nearest based on their miles who will win.

We are proud to say that it was our school last year who won, resulting in a fleet of scooters for our school! And the prizes this year are just as good!



More information will be given to class teachers. If you wish to take part, you will be given a passport to collect your stamps in. If you have any questions then please come and see Miss Hannaford. The more people who take part, the more miles we can gather, so hop on your scooter, lace up your walking boots and tighten your helmets as we get ready to **LEG IT TO LAPLAND....**

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 1st December 2017.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

Our Christmas Lunch will take place on
Wednesday 13th December.

The menu is now on the school website



Prayer and Praise

Parents and parish friends are very welcome to join us for our short act of worship and celebration of achievements every Friday at 9.15am.

School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club. **Last clubs w/b 27th Nov.**

Monday	Maths Games (4.30pm) Mrs Sharman
Tuesday	KS1 Multi Skills (4.15pm) Mr Gillard
Thursday	Mindfulness Y1+ (4.30pm) Miss Lintern Homework Y5,6 (4.30 pm) Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson KS2 Netball (4.30pm) Mr Gillard Civic Award Club Y6 (1.00-1.30) Mrs Soby
Friday	KS1 Football (4.15pm) Mr Gillard

BE KIND
WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
It is Always POSSIBLE.
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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

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

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Claire Hawkings

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg