



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



21st December 2018



★ Staff News ★

★ As part of a CAST Administration
★ restructure, Mrs Caroline Bearne's hours will
★ reduce at St Joseph's after Christmas. Mrs
★ Bearne will now work for only one day a
★ week at St Joseph's as she starts to work for
★ other CAST schools for the remainder of the
★ week. We wish her well in her new role.

★ We welcome Miss Suarez as a member of
★ staff after her appointment as a class teacher
★ in Owl Class. Miss Suarez has been covering
★ Mrs Dinata's absence since October. We wish
★ her success and happiness in her new role.



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

Congratulations to **Jakub Kubien** for receiving
8th Kyu grade in **Shotokan Karate-Do**.

Carol Singing.

Woodpecker class
walked down to Tesco
on Thursday to sing
Christmas carols to the customers and raised a
wonderful **£82.42**. Well done to you all.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes
with the highest weekly
attendance:

7th Dec - 14th Dec

WOODPECKER 98%

15th Dec - 20th Dec

WOODPECKER 96.7%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

7th Jan Non pupil day

10th Jan Woodpecker Swimming Lesson

11th Jan Dr Bike's free cycle safety check

14th Jan 'Friends' Meeting 2pm

17th Jan Woodpecker Swimming Lesson

**School opens for the spring term on
Tuesday 8th January.**

CAST Director visits the school.

Maria Edwards, CAST Director, visited the school on 30th November. She attended Woodpecker's Advent liturgy, toured the school and met with the headteacher. Her subsequent report included the following comments:

'It was inspiring and moving to participate in this celebration.'

'The House system and the buddy system enable them to interact in a positive manner, develop confidence in their own learning and the communication of facts and theories to others.'

'During my visit I witnessed pupils actively engaging with learning in a calm and purposeful manner.'

I found a school with positive, proactive pupils and staff committed to continuous improvement to enable all pupils to fulfil their potential. It was a privilege and pleasure to visit St Joseph's. I look forward to future visits.

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EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Thank you to everyone who attended and well done to all the children and staff who worked so hard to put it all together.



The NEW Winter 2019 lunch menu is now available to view on the school website. If you would like a paper copy please see the office.

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:

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

Carols and Readings

Thank you to everyone who attended, to Lisa Woods for organising the choir and to all of the Friends for providing refreshments.

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Top Quizzing Results 18/19

Emily Bath	100%
Logan Steer	100%
Ellie East	100%
Maria Warren	98%
George Gould	97.3%
Barney Hickman	97.1%

Class Quizzing Averages 18/19

Owl	98.1%
Swallow	88.3%
Puffin	86.2%
Woodpecker	82.7%
Kingfisher	77.9%

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

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Christmas Dinner

We would like to thank Shelia and Emma for the wonderful Christmas Dinner we had on Wednesday. The whole school came together to enjoy it.



Well done and thank you to everyone who took part, or supported us, in the 2018 Lantern Parade.



Thank you to **Tesco** for donating squash and crisps for the Winter Wonderland Discos.

Dr Bike's Free cycle safety check

Dr Bike will be in school on 11th January, letters will be sent out when we return after Christmas.



St Joseph's Catholic Church Christmas Programme 2018

Christmas Eve	Christmas Mass for Children	6.00pm
	Christmas Vigil Mass	9.00pm
Christmas Day	Christmas Mass, St Gregory's	9.00am
	Christmas Mass, St Joseph's	10.30am
Boxing Day	Mass for St Stephen's Day	11.00am



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Primary Admissions 2019/20

Was your child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?



Applications can be made from 15th November 2018 for a primary school

place for September 2019. You must apply for your child's school place by **15th January 2019**. If you apply after this date, the application will be considered late. You can apply for a school place online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

Please ensure that the Supplementary Form (available from the school office) for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2019. Without this form your child may be lower in the priorities for admission and risk not getting a place at St Joseph's School.



£105.81 was raised at the bake sale. Many thanks to all who contributed and bought cakes.

The Friends have been very busy in the last week of term. We will let you know how much was raised at the discos, carol concert refreshments and chocolate raffle in the next newsletter. The work of the Friends and your amazing support is very much appreciated.

Crossing Patrol



Unfortunately, Francis' knee operation was postponed, although we were delighted that this meant that he could come to our Christmas dinner. The new date for his knee replacement on Monday 14th January and he expects to return to school after 6 weeks. During this time there will be no cover for the crossing outside the school.

Parents are responsible at all times for the safety of their children on their whole journey to and from school, regardless of whether a formal crossing is provided. Please take extra care when crossing the road and park your vehicles sensibly to make the area outside the school safe for our children.



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



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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: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg