



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2018

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Kye Brett

Eliana Quainoo

Harry Slatter

Jack Gould

Owen Steer

Emily Mariadas

Charlie Edge

Taya Bailey Gibbs

Finley Bayldon

Carmen Hanson

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

Congratulations to **Owen Steer** for receiving a medal in **Martial Arts**.

Congratulations to **Logan Steer** for winning a **Silver** medal in **Martial Arts**.

Congratulations to **Benjamin Chambers** for gaining his **purple** belt in **Taekwondo**.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon** for receiving a medal in the **Taekwondo** Puma Championship.

Congratulations to **Archie Grant** for receiving **Man of the Match** at **Football**.

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris** for receiving **Stage 5 Learn to Swim**

Congratulations to **Sam McLaughlin** for receiving **Player of the Week** at **Football**

**Well done** to all the children who attended workshops at **Coombeshead Academy**.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

26th Nov	Leg it to Lapland starts
27th Nov	Phonics for parents 9.00am
12th Dec	Newton Abbot Lantern Parade
14th Dec	KS1 Nativity for parents 9.30am
19th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Jumper day
21st Dec	Break up for Christmas
7th Jan	Non pupil day

**The last week for ALL clubs is w/c 26th November.**  
**There will be NO clubs in December.**



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## 'Tea and Tour' Open Days

Parents of children starting school in September 2019 are invited to come along and find out more about us.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am**

We are proud to be a school where "pupils are its greatest asset."

We look forward to meeting you.

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### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

9th Nov - 15th Nov

**SWALLOW 98.3%**

16th Nov - 22nd Nov

**PUFFIN 98.9%**

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

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## St Joseph's School is Legging it to Lapland!

**St Joseph's** School is working with sustainable transport charity Sustrans to help reduce traffic congestion and pollution around the school gate by encouraging as many pupils as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school instead of coming in a car.



As part of this schools project, we are entering their Leg it to Lapland winter challenge – clocking up virtual miles on our journey to Lapland. The challenge runs from **November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The winning school will be the one with the highest average proportion of active journeys (made on foot or non-motorised wheels) per pupil.

There are some great prizes to choose from, including a demonstration from Andrei Burton, the UK's premier mountain bike trials rider, a mountain bike skills day for up to 40 children and 8 x cycle helmets for the school.

Please help us to win by making a special effort to walk your children to school or allow them to cycle or scoot. If you've no choice but to drive, why not park at least 5 minutes away and walk the rest of the way? Or drop off your child with a friend who walks to school and let them walk in together? Look out for your child's Leg it to Lapland 'passport' and some special activities in school to help boost those miles.

Thank you for your support!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A massive **thank you** to everyone who has donated a shoebox. We have had a great response. We'll let you know where our shoeboxes go.

Thank you to everyone who took part in **Children in Need and Diabetes Superhero Day**. We raised a total of **£147.60**



All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

[www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### Advent Liturgy

This liturgy, led by **WOODPECKER** class, will take place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.10am.



Parents, and carers are most welcome to attend.

### TRAVELLING CRIBS

*Could you offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night?*

Once again, we will be remembering the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, our cribs will be travelling around our families.

Please enjoy them and we look forward to receiving your photos for our website.

Please email any photos to [admin@sjna.uk](mailto:admin@sjna.uk) or post them on the Facebook page.



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Another chance to come to our information session for Reception and Year 1 parents.

**'Drop off and drop in'**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00am**

Come and find out how we teach phonics for reading and writing.  
Find out about the national Y1 Phonics Screening Check.

Take away a goody bag of resources and ideas to help you support your child at home.

## 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](http://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.



### Top Quizzing Results 18/19

Emily Bath	100%
Ruby Slatter	100%
Ellie East	100%
Vlad Gheorghe	98.3%
Freya Byrne	97.5%
Maria Warren	97.5%
Brendon Letchford	97.5%

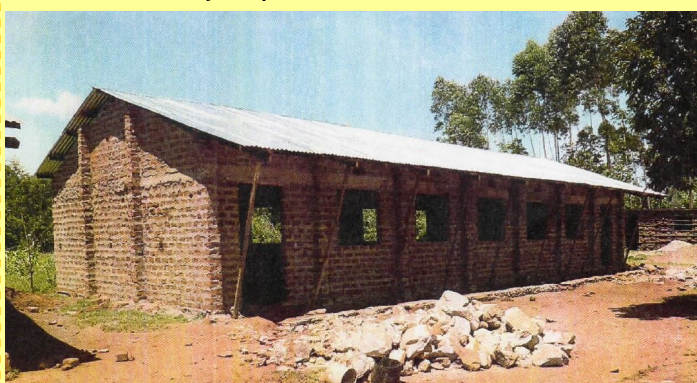
### Class Quizzing Averages 18/19

Swallow	87.3%
Woodpecker	83.4%
Kingfisher	78.2%
Puffin	85.3%
Owl	96.7%

## NEWS FROM REHOBOTH ELITE ACADEMY, KENYA

Your generosity during Lent 2018 has meant that not only a water tank, but a new school hall, has been built at Rehoboth. The school are delighted and thankful.

"The new building will be used as a classroom for the top class so that they can study for their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, without which they cannot go to secondary school. It may be used in the final term for the girls to board there so they can study better. When they go home, girls have lots of chores to do around the home and cannot study well. If they are not able to access secondary education they (as orphans) are often married off and lead a fairly deprived life."



Thank you so much for helping to make this happen.

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We are delighted to share with you that, at the relaunch meeting for the 'Friends', we were able to elect a new Committee. The Committee are steering and co-ordinating the fundraising and work of the 'Friends' and are lucky to have an enthusiastic and committed community of families to call on for support.

The Committee members for 2018/19 are:

**Lisa Woods:** Chair

**Tara East:** Treasurer

**Richeldis Bentley:** Secretary

**Holly Nekola-Steer:** Committee member

**Jenny Bentley:** Committee member

**Miss Dunne:** Committee member

**Mrs Wilson:** Committee member

Look out for the flyers and posters for 'Friends' events planned for the rest of term:

Friday 7th December

**Bake Sale** at break and after school

Monday 17th December

**Winter Wonderland Disco** for Reception/KS1

5.00-6.00pm

Tuesday 18th December

**Winter Wonderland Disco** for KS2

6.30-7.30pm

Friday 21st December

**Chocolate Raffle**

We are incredibly grateful to our parents for all your support and generosity. Money raised last year is going to help fund a new stage. All money raised is used to enrich the education of our children.

## Family Prayer

God be with our family,  
From the youngest to the oldest,  
Lighting up our relationships,  
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,  
Weaving love into our work,  
Our rest, and our play.

Amen.

The HAPPIEST  
PEOPLE don't  
have the BEST  
of everything, they  
MAKE the BEST  
of EVERYTHING.

@EMILYCOXHEAD

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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