



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

7th September 2018

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Each Friday we congratulate a member of each class for excellent learning behaviour.

Parents are most welcome to come to our Prayer and Praise on Fridays at 9.10am.

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

Congratulations to **Kayla Quainoo** awarded **Grade 1** Guitar.

Congratulations to **Stephen & Robin Harris** for taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Attendance

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Good attendance and punctuality are key to success and happiness at school. We look forward to reaching our target of 96.4%.

In school we promote and celebrate good attendance in many ways with our children.

If you have any queries or We are committed to supporting all our families with attendance if necessary. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please discuss them with your class teacher in the first instance, or talk to Mrs Wilson.

**Just a reminder that holidays are not authorised in term-time. Please try to make all non-emergency medical appointments for out of school hours.**

### Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I would especially like to welcome Mrs Hunter, all the new children and their families who have started at St Joseph's this term. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. I wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year.

Kelly Dunne

### Dates

**Dates for the term are on the school website.**

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| 9th Sept  | Education Sunday<br>10.30am Mass at St Joseph's |
| 21st Sept | <b>New Parents Meeting 9.45am</b>               |
| 27th Sept | Individual School Photos                        |
| 10th Oct  | <b>Walk to School Day</b>                       |
| 12th Oct  | Harvest Thanksgiving                            |

### Dogs

Could we please remind all Parents and Visitors that no dogs or animals with the exception of Assistance Dogs should be brought on to the school premises.

### School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the correct school uniform. The children look wonderful: smart and tidy and a real credit to yourselves and super ambassadors for the school. All of us at St Joseph's appreciate your efforts.

We respectfully remind you that jewellery, with the exception of watches and small stud earrings, is not allowed. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

**Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.**

### Hormones and Harmony

*Making sense of the approaching teenage years - A short course for the parents of pre-teen children starting on*

**Tuesday 18th September 2018**

**6.00pm to 7.30pm**

This is a great opportunity to get together and chat, coffee and sharing experiences. We'd be delighted to see you.

**Further details: contact Emma Wilson or the school office**

### Favourite Prayer or Hymn

The parish is compiling a book of people's favourite hymns and prayers. If you would like to contribute, please email or hand in your contributions to the school office by Friday 14th.

### Primary Sports

This year, Primary Sports will be teaching PE for Kingfisher and Swallow classes. All other class teachers will deliver their own PE lessons.



Look out for information from your class teachers about Class Dojo. We are using this to motivate and encourage positive learning behaviours. It is also a way of communicating directly with you via a phone app.

### Parent Governor

Look out for details about a Parent Governor vacancy coming soon.

### Parent helpers

We were very grateful to all the parents who readily volunteered to go on trips out of school. With fewer teaching assistants and adult/child ratios of 1:6 for 5-7 year olds and 1:15 8+ year olds, we rely on parents to ensure trips can go ahead. Please look out for trips and visits this year and consider if you can help. Thank you

### HCPT Group 179

The Torbay and Teignbridge branch of an international Catholic charity that takes disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes in France every Easter is seeking volunteers;

They welcome anyone who would like to be involved, whether as a helper or supporter of their fundraising efforts.

For more information about accessing this charity, visit their website [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk) or make an appointment with Miss Dunne.

### Exeter Children's Orchestra Open Day on Saturday 15 September 2018

@ St Leonard's Primary School, Exeter EX2 4NQ  
Find out more at

[www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk](http://www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk)

Live  
Love  
Learn

May the Lord bless us as we begin this new school year together.

May His loving presence surround us.

May we find peace and happiness  
in work and play.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

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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