



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

7th December 2018

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Felix Endacott	Joseph Harrity
Freya Treacher	Jessica Kneeshaw
William Bath	Mackenzie Baker
George Gould	Charlie Bullock
Codey-Ann Bentley	Mason Clausen

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

Congratulations to **Scarlett Evans** for receiving PUMA grade 2 for Kickboxing.

Congratulations to **Ava Breslan** and **Freya Barry** for awards in Swimming.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon** for receiving PUMA grade 2 for Taekwondo.

Congratulations to **Millie Grant** for attending Athletots.

Congratulations to **Imogen Voisey** for moving up to Brownies.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

23rd Nov - 29th Nov	KINGFISHER 96.6%
30th Nov - 6th Dec	SWALLOW 96.6%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

12th Dec	Newton Abbot Lantern Parade
14th Dec	KS1 Nativity for parents 9.30am
17th Dec	Winter Wonderland Disco EYS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm
18th Dec	Carols and Readings 9.15am
18th Dec	Winter Wonderland Disco KS2 6.30-7.30pm
19th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Jumper day
21st Dec	'Friends' Chocolate Raffle
21st Dec	No Prayer and Praise
21st Dec	Break up for Christmas
7th Jan	Non pupil day

**No more Prayer and Praise this term.
We look forward to seeing you at the next
Prayer and Praise on 11th January 2019.**

Crossing Patrol

Francis will be having a knee replacement on Monday 17th December and 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. Could we please ask that extra care is taken when crossing the road and that everyone parks their vehicles sensibly to make the area outside the school safe for our children. We wish Francis a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back soon.

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Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 5

Virgin Care will be running community clinics for any children that missed the school immunisations. You will need to **phone and book** your child in to a clinic, they are unable to immunise children that have not booked. The booking line is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am—3pm or Thursday 9.30am—12pm on **01392 356141**.

The clinics will be held at **Newton Abbot Hospital** on the following days:

Monday 10th December 3.30pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 11th December 3.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 14th December 3.30pm—6.30pm

Saturday 15th December 9.30am—12.30pm

Poppy Appeal

We raised a total of £158.06

Thank you to everyone who donated and to Swallow class for all their hard work.

Thank you to **Claire-Louise Baker** for contacting B&Q who have supplied us with a large number of tins of paint for the school.

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



Accelerated Reader®



Top Quizzing Results 18/19

Emily Bath	100%
Logan Steer	100%
Ellie East	100%
Freya Byrne	98.3%
Maria Warren	98%
George Gould	97.3%

Class Quizzing Averages 18/19

Owl	97.8%
Swallow	87.7%
Puffin	85.8%
Woodpecker	83.2%
Kingfisher	78.7%

Parents, parish and friends are invited to our

Christmas Carol Concert

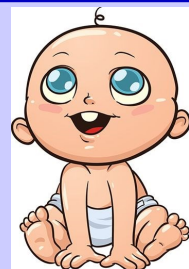
Tuesday 18th December

9.15am

Please join us for festive refreshments after.

The St Joseph's Family is expanding!

Congratulations to **Miss Grylls** and **Miss James** who are both expecting babies in June 2019.



All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

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Nativity

Owl and Puffin
are looking
forward to
performing their
Nativity for
parents on
Friday 14th at
9.30am.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 19th December

Come in your festive clothes—just for fun!



Thank you for supporting the BAKE SALE.

We'll let you know how much was raised.

'Friends of St Josephs'

CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

The Friends have organised a chocolate raffle for the children. Raffle tickets are £1 a strip and will be sent home or can be purchase from the school office. Please return named tickets and money to school by Friday 21st December.

Donations of children's chocolates will be gratefully received. Please drop them in to the office.



Winter Wonderland Christmas Disco

Reception/Key Stage 1
Monday 17th December
5pm - 6pm

Key stage 2
Tuesday 18th December
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Entry will be £2 payable on the door.
Refreshments included!
No extra spending money required!

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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

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.

MINDUP™

What is a "Brain Break"?

Pause. Listen. Breathe. It can take less than a minute to tell our minds to relax and focus.

As part of our MindUP curriculum, we have introduced three daily brain breaks in all classes. "Brain Breaks" are short listening and deep-belly breathing exercises which children are taught to help them calm down and get ready to learn.

Focusing on breathing helps calm the body by slowing heart rate, lowering blood pressure, and sharpening focus. Controlled breathing lessens anxiety by overriding the 'fight, flight or freeze' response set off by our amygdala. Teaching children to focus on and control their breathing can help them become less reactive and more reflective when feeling anxious or stressed. As children practice controlled breathing, their brains develop and reinforce the 'habit' of responding to anxiety by focusing on breathing. Once they have learnt the breathing exercise, they can use this themselves to stop, breathe and think before they act.



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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 27th November 2.00pm
Wednesday 12th December 10.00am

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

We look forward to meeting you.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Coombeshead Road, Newton Abbot 01626 352559



A Prayer for the Second Sunday of ADVENT

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.

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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