



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

16th March 2018

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our  
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Oak Class

Michael Hooper

Cara Hanson

Ethan Woods

Teyla Byrne

Chloe Leeper

Freya Treacher

Amelia Grant

Warren Diamond

Jack Gould

Kayleigh Emerson

Ella Duval

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

Congratulations to **Oisin Malone** for receiving **two medals** at **Dawlish Swimming Club Annual Gala**.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

9th—15th Mar **MAPLE** **98%**

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

### Increase in the cost of School Lunch

ISS are increasing the cost of school lunches on **1st April** from £2.25 to **£2.30**.

If you believe your child may be entitled to **free school meals** you can apply online at:-

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/)

Details can also be found on our website.

### Dates

19th March	St Joseph's Day Mass at church
20th March	<b>Willow class Buckfast Abbey</b>
21st - 27th March	Scholastic Book Fayre 3.30—4.00pm
21st March	<b>Ash Class Dartington Hall</b>
22nd March	Maple class Swimming
28th March	<b>'The Passion' presented by Y4</b>
29th March	Non-uniform day
29th March	<b>Maple class Swimming</b>
29th March	End of Term
16th April	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>

### Firefighter Heidi

Heidi had an absolutely amazing time on her visit to Newton Abbot Fire Station. She wore the uniform and sat in the driver's seat of the fire engine.



She was then taken out in the fire engine for a drive around Newton Abbot. An unforgettable morning!

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Come to our  
**BOOK FAIR**



**SCHOLASTIC**

21st until 27th March 2018

3:30pm, Main Hall

## HOME ALONE

Deciding if your child is ready to be left home alone can be a tricky decision. There are no hard and fast 'home alone' rules or laws because every child is different. Whether you are comfortable with the idea will depend on how mature and adaptable your child is – and we all know how much this can vary from child to child.

### NSPCC advice on leaving a child at home

- Babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone.
- Children under the age of 12 are rarely mature enough to cope in an emergency and should not be left at home alone for a long period of time.
- Parents and carers can be prosecuted for neglect if it is judged that they placed a child at risk by leaving them at home alone.
- A child should never be left at home alone if they do not feel comfortable with this, regardless of their age.
- If a child has additional needs, these should be considered when leaving them at home alone or with an older sibling.

When leaving a younger child with an older sibling, think about what may happen if they were to have a falling out - would they both be safe?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/leaving-child-home-alone/>

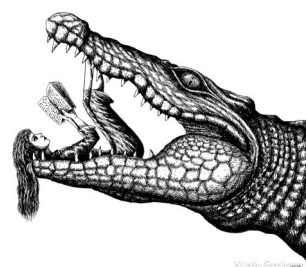
## Extreme reading

Where is the most extreme place you have ever read a book?

Whether it is up a tree, on top of a mountain or stood on your head, we want your photos! **The challenge is to take a picture reading somewhere 'extreme' and send it in to school by Friday 20th April 2018.**

Pupils, parents and staff are all encouraged to enter to show what avid readers we are! Either email your photos to [admin@sjna.uk](mailto:admin@sjna.uk) with the subject 'Extreme Reading' or give your pictures to your child's teacher. Don't forget to include your name. Our most extreme readers will win a prize!

Obviously, we encourage you to keep safe (I wouldn't recommend reading in the jaws of a crocodile!) but we are really looking forward to seeing who in our St Joseph's family has such a passion for reading that they will do it anywhere and everywhere! Good Luck!



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Thanks to all our families whose support has got our Lenten Fundraising off to a flying start. Our children are busy with their fundraising events. Thank you for supporting them by entering their competitions, buying raffle tickets and sponsoring them to run a mile. Online donations are also welcome at

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StJosephsCatholicPrimarySchool>



## THE PASSION

Year 4 invite you to join them as they present  
**'The Passion'**  
- the events of Holy Week told through drama and songs.

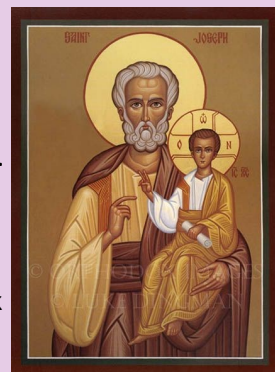
**Wednesday 28th March at 2.30pm**



## ST JOSEPH'S DAY MASS

We are going to Mass at St Joseph's Church on Monday 19th March at 10am to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day.

All parents and friends are welcome to join us. If you are able to walk to church and back with your child's class, please stay in class at 9am on Monday.



**Children need a waterproof coat please.**



Welcome to The Friends of St Josephs Facebook page! This is for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School...

The 'Friends' Facebook page is used as an additional way of communicating news and information about school events with parents. If you are not yet a member of the group, please search for 'Friends of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School' and request to join.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Friends and helpers who organised and ran the Mothers' Day Sale.

The Sale made a profit of £57, but more than that, it brought joy to the children and mums of our St Joseph's family.



## Good, Better, Best!

It has been wonderful to give out so many certificates over the last couple of weeks. The big jump in the number of awards is because so many of our children are constantly striving to improve on their best and beat their scores in mental maths or GAPs (grammar, punctuation and spelling) tests. It is amazing to feel such a positive buzz around testing in the school.



## Easter cards and chocolates

The Apostleship of the Sea is asking for donations of chocolate bars for the seafarers who will be visiting our port this Easter. If it is possible can you also include an Easter card. There is a collection box in the school office.

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Class Quizzing Averages	
Elm	90.1%
Maple	78%
Ash	75.6%
Birch	73.9%

Top Quizzing Results	
Sean Palmer	98.8%
Kayla Quainoo	98.5%
Sophia Phillips	98%
Annie McKinley	97.7%
Jagoda Zuber	97.3%

All classes will be enjoying a day of African drumming workshops led by Shumba Arts on Wednesday 21st March.



## NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 29th March £1

To help buy the water tank for Rehoboth.

### 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 9.05am. We look forward to seeing you.

The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 20th April 2018.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

### School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Maths Games Y5,6 (4.30pm)</b>
	Mrs Sharman
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Drama KS2 (4.30pm)</b>
	Miss Hannaford
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>KS1 Multi Skills (4.15pm)</b>
	Mr Gillard
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Homework Y4,5,6 (4.30 pm)</b>
	Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson
<b>Monday</b>	<b>KS2 Netball (4.30pm)</b>
	Mr Gillard
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Civic Award Club Y6 (1.00-1.30)</b>
	Mrs Soby
<b>Friday</b>	<b>KS2 Football (4.30pm)</b>
	Mr Gillard

### School Clubs

Please note that all After School Clubs finish next week and there will be no clubs in the last week of term.

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 \* Dear St Joseph,  
 \* Help us to love and care,  
 \* To be gentle and fair.  
 \* Help us to work and play  
 \* together,  
 \* Help us to live and grow together,  
 \* To be always glad to help each other,  
 \* Happy in your loving care.  
 \* 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: Claire Hawkings

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg