



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



3rd May 2019

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Immojen Crowe Shayla-Mai Daniels
Leo Davies Scarlett Hervin
Riley McMahon Warren Diamond
Michael Burke Stanley Usher
Swallow Class Maddi Field

Milena Zuber
Robin Harris
Liam Hesse
Jakub Kubien
Lacey Hibble

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
7th May	Photographer (Class Photos)
9th May	Swallow Class Swimming
W/c 13th May	KS2 SATS week
16th May	Swallow Class Swimming
24th May	Last day of Half Term
3rd June	Return to School
14th June	Yr5 Sporting Spectacular
21st June	Yr4 Olympic Day
19th July	Leavers Act of Worship
22nd July	Sports Day

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

Congratulations to **Samuel McLaughlin** for receiving **Duckling 4** Learn to Swim.

Congratulations to **Gracie Stoye** for receiving her **20m** Rainbow swim award & **Level 7** Gymnastics award. Congratulations to **William Stoye** for achieving **Level 3** Gymnastics award.

Congratulations to **William Stackhouse, Hallie Lofthouse, Emily Mariadas & Isla Hoskin** to performing **3 dance shows** with Three Sisters.

Congratulations to **Ethan Woods** for receiving his **50m swimming** award.

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris** for receiving a trophy for **U10 Plate Final** Winners at Football.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Breakfast & After School Club: Change of Provider

On the 22nd March, I wrote to all parents informing them of the school's intention to change provider for the Breakfast and After School Club. The intention was that this would happen from 29th April.

There has been a delay with the TUPE process and this process is likely to take at least another four weeks. We will endeavour to resolve the issues to a successful conclusion as soon as possible, so that we can continue to ensure affordable and well-staffed childcare provision is available for our families.

In the meantime, the school-run clubs are still available for parents to use.

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Staff Update

- Up until the 31st December Mrs Bearne worked full time as the school's senior administrator. From the 1st January 2019 Plymouth CAST adopted a different model for school business management and Mrs Bearne moved to a role that saw her in St Joseph's for one day a week. Mrs Bearne resigned from this post with immediate effect on Friday 5th April. We thank Mrs Bearne for her hard work and commitment to St Joseph's and wish her all the very best for the future.
- Congratulations go to Mrs Hunter, Puffin class teacher, who is expecting her second child in October.
- As you may be aware from the news, many schools are facing financial challenges. Unfortunately this means, like other schools in the county and across the country, that we need to make changes to our current staffing structure that requires a reduction in the level of our administrative staff. Alongside the rising costs, the school has had a reduction in income and these factors, meant that in the spring term we began the formal consultation process with the staff on the proposed redundancies.

This process came to an end on Tuesday 23rd April, and I can confirm that the administrative staff hours will be cut to thirty-five hours a week from 24th May. Consequently, Mrs Johnson will no longer work in the office, but will keep her Mealtime Assistant role. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Johnson for her commitment and hard work in the school office and I am delighted that her link with St Joseph's will continue.

For Mrs Hobart to efficiently manage the school office within the reduced hours, a number of measures will start from Monday 3rd June:

- The school office will be closed between 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and 1.30 – 3 pm. (Please be assured that we will always ring immediately if there is an emergency with your child.)
- The newsletter will no longer be sent home in a paper version. It will now be sent home by email only. We will try to explore a more 'phone-friendly' version. It will continue to be available on the school website.
- We hope to move to an easy, safe and secure cash-free office as soon as possible, providing an online payment service which allows parents to pay for school items on smartphone, tablet or computer.



Top Quizzing Results 18/19	
Jan Kozlowski	100%
Maria Warren	99%
Ruby Slatter	98.2%
Imogen Voisey	97.6%
Kayla Quainoo Annie McKinley	97.5%

Class Quizzing Averages 18/19	
Owl	88.7%
Swallow	88.3%
Kingfisher	85.6%
Puffin	84.8%
Woodpecker	82%

School Clubs

- Monday** **Civic Award Club (Lunchtime)**
Mrs Soby
- Drama Club**
Miss Hannaford Yr 5/6 (4.30pm)
- KS2 Athletics**
Mr Mugford (4.30pm)
- Wednesday** **Maths Masters Yr6 (4.15pm)**
Mrs Sharman
- Thursday** **Homework Club**
Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson (4.30pm)
- Friday** **Forest School Yr1/2 (4.30pm)**
Mrs Harrison



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Players Wanted

Looking for Year's 2 & 3 to Join a Team

Find us on Facebook – Discoveries Devon

For information please contact;
Mark 07809288555 or Claire Richardson
07713901422

If you are looking for a new challenge and want to play competitive football in a league or just for fun then come and see what it's all about.

Training is at Bakers Park, Tuesdays 6pm till 7pm

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

- 29th Mar –4th Apr **SWALLOW 97.6%**
26th Apr - 3rd May **PUFFIN 97.5%**



HappyMaps⁹

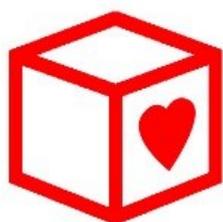
www.happymaps.co.uk



New website for parents on children's mental health problems has launched

Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults.

We hope this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West.



The Red Box Project

A simple scheme, made with love for the young women in our community



We are grateful to the Red Box Project volunteers in South Devon for donating us a fully stocked Red Box with sanitary products for our girls who have their periods.

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	

* No need to be kept off school, unless your child has a fever, but please inform the class teacher.

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**Plymouth Diocese
Catechetical Summer Camps 2019**

Plans are well under way for the Catechetical Summer Camps for young people of the diocese which will run from 28th July to the 9th August at Grangehurst at Buckfast Abbey. Please note that this year the Junior Camp is during the first of the two weeks.

JUNIOR CAMP (Years 3-6) 28th July-2nd Aug

The camps, running for over 60 years, have provided an opportunity for the young people of the diocese to meet and grow together in their faith and love of Our Lord Jesus, and beauty of the liturgy and prayer. The emphasis this year will be centred on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad"

Applications are now being taken for places. Camp details and application forms can be obtained from St Joseph's website or on-line from the camp website :

www.pdsummercamps.org.uk



**Are you connected?
If you need another family member to be added, please contact the office.**

Sponsor Money

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsor forms to us. If you still have sponsor money to hand in, could you please bring it to the office by Tuesday 7th May.



Christ is risen!
LLELUIA

Almighty God,
May the risen power and love of Jesus Christ be felt in our lives, our families, our school and our parish.

May we know it in our country and in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



We are recruiting Primary Teachers to join the ESP Supply Team!

For more information please visit our website

<https://www.exetersupplypartnership.com/>

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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