



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

9th February 2018

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our  
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

★ Logan Steer	★ Jan Kozlowski
★ Bobbie-Rae Rawlings	★ Annie Turner
★ Harry Leeper	★ Riley-Jay McMahon
★ Freya Byrne	★ Stanley Usher
★ Mason Clausen	★ Elliott Leaman
★ Theo Delany	★ Cally Jones

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

Congratulations to **Lacey Hibble** for receiving a **Street Mix** dance trophy.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon** for receiving a medal in **Karate**.

Congratulations to **Gracie Stoye** for receiving a certificate for **Football**.

Congratulations to **William Bath** for receiving his red belt in **Karate**.

Congratulations to **Jessica Lambert** who won a place in the cast of *Evita* at the Princess Theatre.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Attendance

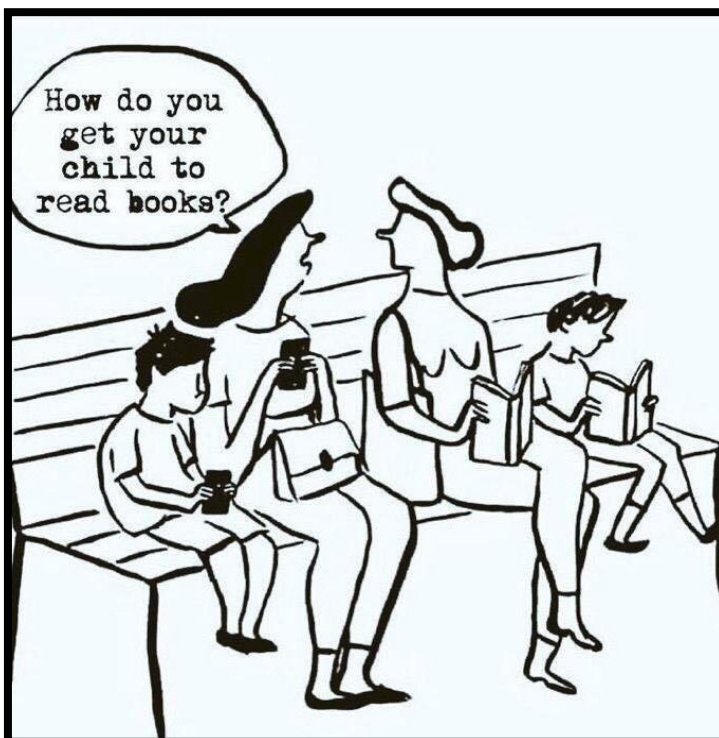
Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

26th Jan-1st Feb	<b>ELM</b>	<b>95.6%</b>
2nd-8th Feb	<b>WILLOW</b>	<b>96.2%</b>

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

### Dates

9th February	Break for Half Term
19th February	Return to School
22nd February	Maple class Swimming
27th February	Birch class Library visit
27th February	KS1 Parent Maths workshop
1st March	World Book Day
1st March	Maple class Swimming



Well done to **Annie Turner** who has had ten inches cut off her hair to donate to the

**'Little Princess Trust'**

*The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.*

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### Children's mental health and wellbeing

Is your child struggling with anxiety or anger issues? Do they have an emotional and behavioural difficulty which is difficult to manage? OPEN MINDS DEVON offer a coaching service for families. Their approach based on mindfulness is proving very successful. One parent said "It's like a huge weight has been lifted off her. Sophie is Sophie again!" Give them a ring today for a free 20 mins consultation about your child on 01392 882036 or 07968 247345.

Also for families look out for CALMER MINDS FAMILY COACHING workshops starting soon in Exeter. More details on the website [www.openmindsdevon.co.uk](http://www.openmindsdevon.co.uk)

### First Day Absence

You will have received a letter explaining our procedures for first day absence. The school operates a first day contact policy as follows:

- Parents alert school of absence by phone or in person at the office. These are logged by the school admin team on SIMS.
- Teachers complete registers.
- The Admin Team check absent children on the registers against the reported absence answer phone to determine children whose parents have not reported their absence.
- The Admin Team will telephone the parents. Reasons for absence will be recorded on SIMS.
- If the Admin Team can't get through, a message will be left to telephone school by 10.00am. If no contact can be established by 10.00am this will be entered on SIMS.
- The school will assess each individual case and, if necessary, arrange for somebody to attend the house to see if the child can be located.
- A record will be made of any such visit and determine if further action is required.
- If we still cannot make contact to ascertain why the child is absent, we will ring the PCSO or escalate to the police.

It is your responsibility to let the school know if your child is absent. Please ring the school before 9am and leave a message on the answerphone or speak to the Admin Team.

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact numbers for your child on record.

### Parent Consultations

It was wonderful for teachers to meet with almost all of you at Parent Consultations this week. Many thanks for the huge return of completed questionnaires. We will collate your responses and feed back to parents via the newsletter.

### Maths Number Workshop for KS1 Parents

We will be running a maths number workshop for parents of children in Oak, Willow and Birch on

**Tuesday 27th February 2.45-3.25pm.**

Please see the letter sent out on Thursday for more information.



Today is **Jason Menhinnitt's** (Chef's) last day in the school kitchen. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and the lovely lunches he has made for the children.

He has said he would like to pass on what a pleasure it has been to work at St Joseph's and he would like to compliment the children on their behaviour and manners. He says they are the best children he has ever worked with.

We wish Jason well in his new post at Highweek Primary School.

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Class Quizzing Averages	
Elm	90.2%
Maple	78.5%
Ash	75%
Birch	71.5%

Top Quizzing Results	
Kayla Quainoo	99.2%
Sean Palmer	98.8%
Sophia Phillips	97.8%
Annie McKinley	97.7%
Phoebe Seaman	96.7%



You can now log in to view your child's progress on Accelerated Reader by going to the Home Connect portal at

<https://ukhosted16.renlearn.co.uk/2236655/HomeConnect>

This will allow you to view your child's quizzing scores, word count and see the books they have been reading. You can also set up email alerts.

**Thank you** to all the parents who were able to attend the recent information sessions about Accelerated Reader. We were pleased to be able to offer sessions both during the school day and in the evening. If you have any questions about AR, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

The next newsletter will go home on:  
**Friday 2nd March 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.

**Monday Maths Games Y5,6 (4.30pm)**  
Mrs Sharman

**Tuesday KS1 Multi Skills (4.15pm)**  
Mr Gillard

**Thursday Homework Y4,5,6 (4.30 pm)**  
Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson

**KS2 Netball (4.30pm)**  
Mr Gillard

**Civic Award Club Y6 (1.00-1.30)**  
Mrs Soby

**Friday KS2 Football (4.30pm)**  
Mr Gillard

Oak Class would be very grateful if anyone could donate packs of pants or socks, aged 4-6 years.  
Thank you for your help.

## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

*Heavenly Father,*

Please bless our families with  
Your love and protect us from  
harm. Give us grace to forgive,  
strength to overcome the  
difficulties we face, and keep  
us together when the world  
tries to pull us apart.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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## Bishop Mark's visit



On Tuesday we welcomed Bishop Mark to St Joseph's. He visited each class and talked with the children, listened to their stories and songs and answered their questions.

The Bishop was impressed with the children's welcome and encouraged them to continue shining the light of Jesus in the world.



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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