



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



17th May 2019

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Gracie Clegg

Paige Smith

Reece Patrick

Sky Small

Ava Breslan

George Yeadon

Freya Byrne

Vlad Mihai Gheorghe

Evindar Boke

Kye-Lewis Steer

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

Congratulations to **William Stackhouse** for being awarded distinction in **Grade 2 Guitar**.

Congratulations to **Maria Warren** for being awarded distinction in **Grade 1 Violin**.

Congratulations to **Taya Bailey Gibbs** for receiving Stage 2 **Swimming**.

Congratulations to **Owen Steer & Logan Steer** for receiving medals in **Martial Arts**.

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris & Robin Harris** for receiving certificates in **Golf**.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

3rd May – 9th May **WOODPECKER 98.7%**

10th May - 16th May **PUFFIN 99.6%**

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

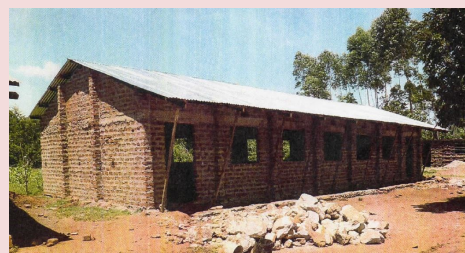
24th May	Last day of Half Term
3rd June	Return to School
21st June	Red, white and yellow non-uniform day (see p.3)
14th June	Yr5 Sporting Spectacular
21st June	Yr4 Olympic Day
19th July	Leavers Act of Worship
22nd July	Sports Day

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity during Lent this year. We were able to deliver a huge amount of toiletries to HITS after our non-uniform day.



The Sponsored Run raised an incredible **£852.28!** We have contacted Mary-Jane Butler at W.O.R.K. who says that Rehoboth School are delighted and will use the money to put glass in their classroom windows to stop the children getting wet in the rainy season. What a privilege it is to be able to support vulnerable communities at home and abroad.



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THAT Food Bank

Referrals for the food bank in Buckland can now be done by the school via a telephone call. If you feel that you are in need of a referral please speak to Miss Dunne or come to the school office.



THAT works to alleviate food poverty throughout Teignbridge. They also work to help clients address underlying issues which surround the problem and work together for a positive outcome.

Our Lady & St Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Teignmouth are currently recruiting for a Clerk to Governors. For more information and an application pack, contact office@olsp-rc.devon.sch.uk or call 01626 773905.



Top Quizzing Results 18/19

Jan Kozlowski	100%
Maria Warren	99%
Ruby Slatter	98.2%
Kayla Quainoo	97.5%
Annie McKinley	97.5%
Ellie East	97.2%

Class Quizzing Averages 18/19

Swallow	88.2%
Owl	87.3%
Kingfisher	84.3%
Woodpecker	81.8%
Puffin	80.4%

NEW LIBRARY FURNITURE

The Librarians, pupils and staff are delighted with the new seats for the Library purchased by the 'Friends'. We would like to thank the committee for their commitment to our pupils.



Your

support of 'Friends' events such as the BINGO, Discos and Bake Sales enables them to buy the extras that school cannot afford. In the Autumn Term, the 'Friends' helped us to buy a new stage. Thank you to all our families and 'Friends'.

School Clubs

Monday

Civic Award Club (Lunchtime)

Mrs Soby

Drama Club

Miss Hannaford Yr 5/6 (4.30pm)

KS2 Athletics (no club 3rd June)

Mr Mugford (4.30pm)

Thursday

Homework Club

Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson (4.30pm)

Friday

Forest School Y3/4 (4.30pm)

Mrs Harrison

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to **Jakub Kubien** and **Mieszko Zuber**, who celebrated their First Holy Communion at the weekend.

We pray for them, and for **Tatiana, Ron, Joseph, Patrick, Cara, Cassey, Inka and Freya**

who are preparing for their celebration on 23rd June at St Joseph's.



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FIRST DAY ABSENCE

This week, for the third time this year, two members of staff have had to drive to a child's home to check on their welfare, as we had been unable to contact the parent for two days. The incident resulted in the Police being called and

attending the home to complete a welfare check. It could all have been avoided if the parent had made a quick phone call and left a message on the absence line, or sent a message via ClassDojo.

Can we please remind parents of the importance of notifying school on the first day and subsequent days your child is absent. We have a duty of care to safeguard our pupils, therefore we have a first day contact policy in place. Parents have already received this. A reminder:

- **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.
- **A Safeguarding concern will be logged and discussed with the Designated Safeguarding Lead.**
- 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 log a welfare concern with the Police.**

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



We have updated our parent factsheets on our school website that support parents to keep their children safe online. The Factsheets now include information on:

TIKTOK

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH

We hope they will help you to feel more informed, help you to decide whether you're happy for your child to play a game or access social media and learn how to set up parental controls.

As part of [#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek](#), we're encouraging parents and carers to think about the 'modern pressures' associated with social media and how it may affect their child's mental health.

The factsheets come from www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides where you will find many others.



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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

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.
- Please **phone in daily to report your child's absence.** Leave a message on the absence line.
- All **School Meal accounts must be pre-paid online** by Monday for the week ahead.

STAFF CHANGES

We welcome a number of new staff to the St Joseph's family.

Martin Caddy has been appointed as a Class Teacher for September 2019.

Eve Oliver has started as a Teaching Assistant in Owl Class.

Michelle Rippon joins us as a Teaching Assistant on Monday 3rd June.

Miss Grylls began her Maternity Leave last week and **Miss James** begins hers on 24th May. We wish them both well and look forward to news of the safe birth of their babies.

We say goodbye to **Viv Johnson** in the office, but she'll continue as an MTA and After School Club maternity cover.

School Lunches

Our school meals are provided by ISS Education, who work in partnership with Cypad to offer online payments to parents.

Parents need to order and pay for meals using this online system. Sometimes parents forget to order the meals and so their child orders a meal in the classroom. This means that meals may be ordered without payment and debt can build up.

We request that where possible all parents pre-pay for the meals at the beginning of the week. To avoid debts being run up, Mrs Hobart will check all accounts on a Friday and send an email reminding parents that payment needs to be made or children will need to bring a packed lunch until the account is in credit again.

Thank you for your co-operation.

2nd STEM Returners programme for returning Engineers with Babcock in Plymouth.

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? Have you got previous experience of working in the Royal Navy? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd Babcock 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in September 2019 in Devonport Dockyard in Plymouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

NON-UNIFORM DAY 21st JUNE

In aid of Catholic Children's Society

St Aloysius Day

£1 donation to wear yellow, blue and white.

St Aloysius is the patron saint of Christian Youth and Young Students.



More school communication will happen via email. Do we have your current email address?



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

PIERWSZA KOMUNIA ŚWIĘTA



Congratulations to Mieszko Zuber and Jakub Kubien

This is what God ask of you, only this...

*To act justly
To love tenderly, and
To walk humbly with
your God.*

Micah 6:8

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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