



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

12th January 2018

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our  
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Emily Bath  
Skyy Small  
Kimberley Kneeshaw  
Carla East  
Annie McKinley  
Holly Emerson

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

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris** for winning Player of the Week at **Football**.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon** for gaining a pin badge for **Taekwondo**.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

5th Jan - 11th Jan **MAPLE** 99%

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

### Exeter Children's Orchestra

#### OPEN DAY

20th January 2018

St Leonard's Primary School, St Leonard's Road, Exeter  
EX2 4NQ

10.00 am to 12.00 pm

(Juniors from 11.00 am to 12.00pm)

No Scary Auditions!

Contact: [exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com)

### Dates

10th Jan-28th Feb	Bike Club—Y3, 4 (3.30-4.30)
16th January	ASH class Stover Trip
15-18th January	Bikeability - Y5
17th January	Patchwork Parenting starts
18th January	ASH swimming (last session 8th Feb.)
24th January	Maple & Elm Class Decoy Trip
25th January	Parents' Information session on Accelerated Reader.
2nd February	ASH Class Assembly
W/c 5th February	Parent Consultation Evenings

### Admissions for Reception 2017/18

The application process for primary places will close this Sunday, **15th January 2018**.

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you will need to apply for a primary school place online at

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

### Spring Term Reports to Parents

This year we are introducing Spring Term reports to parents. A written interim report for children in all year groups will be sent home to parents on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

This report is intended to provide you with a brief overview of your child's progress, attendance and behaviour in the school year so far. We hope parents find this update about their child's progress useful and that it enables parents to make the most of the Parent Consultation meeting in early February.

Information about the meetings will be sent home next week.

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# Accelerated Reader®



## Class Quizzing Averages

Elm	90.5%
Maple	80.1%
Ash	73%
Birch	65.6%

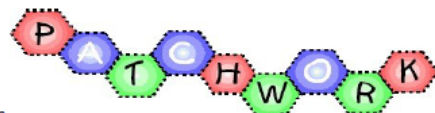
## Top Quizzing Results

Kayla Quainoo	100%
Sean Palmer	98.6%
Sophia Phillips	97.8%
Molly Witham	97.7%
Annie McKinley	97.3%



**Patchwork**

Working alongside Parents and their Children



## PARENTING THROUGH THE PRIMARY YEARS

This is a chance to discuss with other parents the joys and difficulties of being a dad or mum, and to learn from each other. Nobody will be there to tell you what to do.

Sessions will take place at St Joseph's Primary School on Wednesday afternoons meeting from 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start until 3.15pm on the following dates:

- 17th Jan: *Introductory session*
- 24th Jan: *What children need*
- 31st Jan: *The Feel Good factor*
- 7th Feb: *Are you listening?*
- 21st Feb: *Encouraging good behaviour*
- 28th Feb: *Behaviour we don't like*
- 7th Mar: *Choices... and consequences*
- 14th Mar: *Safety and independence*



Please come along for a cuppa, cake and chat.

It will be wonderful to see you there.

There are still places available on this course. It would be lovely to see you there. Catch Mrs Wilson on the playground, or pop into the office.

## Congratulations

*Eliza Kubien*

**on becoming an Accelerated Reader Word Millionaire!**

**Words Read:**  
**1,004,062**

*Signed by Dirk Foch,*  
Managing Director, Renaissance Learning

**RENAISSANCE LEARNING**

## Accelerated Reader Workshop



Mrs Stephens will be running a workshop for parents about the Accelerated Reader Scheme on Thursday 25th January at 2.30pm. The workshop is open for parents of children in Year 2 - Year 6.

There will be a letter sent home for you to confirm your attendance.

During the workshop you will have the opportunity to find out more about the scheme and how it supports your child's progress in reading. There will also be an opportunity to see an example of the quiz that children take.

We respectfully remind you that dogs (except Guide Dogs or assistance dogs) are not allowed on the school premises. Thank you for your co operation.



We have had a silver necklace handed in to the school office, if you have lost one please come in and see us.

## Leg it to Lapland



Thank you for all your efforts with the Leg it to Lapland winter challenge in December. St Joseph's Primary School who averaged a monumental 15 miles per child over the two weeks of the challenge and came a very respectable third.

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### 100% Attendance Awards

We are pleased to highlight the fantastic attendance of some of our pupils. Forty two children received their 100% Attendance Awards for the Autumn Term:



Ashton Coombes	Carmen Hanson
Charlie Bullock	Chloe Leeper
Cormac Malone	Eliana Quainoo
Eliza Kubien	Ella Duval
Ella-May Hervin	Elliott Leaman
Felix Endacott	Freya Byrne
Freya Treacher	George Gould
Harry Leeper	Harry Slatter
Heidi Long	Holly Emerson
Isaac Beswetherick-Sau	Isla-May Edge
Jack Mariadas	Jack Slatter
Jakub Kubien	Jessica Kneeshaw
Joel Beswetherick-Sau	Joseph Harrity
Kayla Quainoo	Kayleigh Emerson
Kimberley Kneeshaw	Lizzie Harrity
Lydia Stackhouse	Maja Haponiuk
Nathaniel Wood	Oliver Cole
Paige Duval	Patrick Halse
Phoebe Seaman	Ruby Slatter
Theo Delany	Ty Honeywill
William Bath	William Stackhouse

A big well done to them on their excellent achievement and thank you to their parents for ensuring their children attend school and are punctual as often as possible.

### Class Information for Parents

From Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January the Parent Information Sheet, Planning and Homework details for each class will be available on the class pages of the school website. The class pages are under the Teaching and Learning tab on the front page of the website.

<https://st-josephs-pri.eschools.co.uk>

### Welcome

We welcome Mr Smith who from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January will be working in Willow class, during the Spring Term, as part of his School-Centred Initial Teacher Training. (SCITT)

I am sure the children in Year One will help him settle in quickly and have a successful teaching experience.

### Primary Sports

#### February Sports Camp

Abbotskerswell Primary School

**This is a great opportunity for your children to take part in a different array of sports, fun games and lots of activities with prizes to be won.**

**Turn up and pay on the day, or book online by emailing [mike2@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:mike2@primary-sports.co.uk) paying via bank transfer.**

**Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th.**

**8.30-3.30**

**£10 per day, per child.**



Well done Stephen and George on your sporting achievements in Football & Taekwondo.

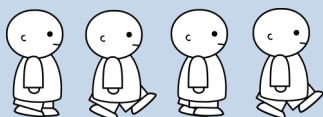
We remind all parents/carers that you need to telephone the school and leave a message on the absence line if your child is not going to be in school.

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### School Travel Survey.

Each family will shortly receive a School Travel Survey to complete. Please can I ask you to take the time to do this as it is an important part of the school's development to promote safer and healthier culture for travelling to school. We have lots of exciting plans in the pipeline, and as a school we have already made improvements. However, we need everyone's voice and support to really make the most of this. If you have any questions about the survey then please feel free to ask me, otherwise just hand your completed survey back into the school office. Many thanks, Miss. Hannaford.



### **EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS AT ST JOSEPH'S**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, our school community came together to celebrate our Epiphany Mass with Father Victor and Deacon Tim. After Mass, we were able to present Mrs Mary Shepherd, a Trustee of the Catholic Children's Society, with our Crib Appeal money boxes. Thank you for supporting the Crib Appeal during Advent, we were overwhelmed with your generosity.



**The next newsletter will go home on:**

**Friday 26th January 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 Y3,4 (4.30pm)</b> Mrs Sharman
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>KS1 Multi Skills (4.15pm)</b> Mr Gillard
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fizz Pop Science (4.30pm)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Homework Y4,5,6 (4.30 pm)</b> Miss Dunne/ Mrs Wilson
	<b>KS2 Netball (4.30pm)</b> Mr Gillard
	<b>Civic Award Club Y6 (1.00-1.30)</b> Mrs Soby
<b>Friday</b>	<b>KS2 Football (4.30pm)</b> Mr Gillard

### **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 9.15am.  
We look forward to seeing you.

**Bless this year  
with love and light.  
Bless this year  
with faith and sight.  
Bless this year  
with grace and ease.  
Bless this year  
with joy and peace.**

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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