



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017



## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our  
Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Harry Robinson  
Scarlett Hervin  
Inka Kozłowska  
Daisy Chedgoy  
Annie McKinley  
Charlie Cole

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

Congratulations to **Jessica Matthews** for taking part in the **Exeter Santa Run**.

Congratulations to **Grace Stoye** for completing **Learn to Swim** Stage 1 and 2.

Congratulations to **Stephen Harris** for gaining his **25m** swimming certificate.

Congratulations to **Charlie Bullock** for achieving his **red stripe** in **Taekwon-Do** and gaining the title of **Star Student**.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon** for receiving two medals for **Taekwon-Do**.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

1st—7th Dec	ASH	97.8%
8th - 14th Dec	ASH	96.8%

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



### Dates

15th December	End of Term
2nd January	Non-pupil day
3rd January	Start of Spring Term
4th January	ASH class swimming (last session 8th Feb)
5th January	Epiphany Mass in school
15-18th January	Bikeability - Y5
w/c 5th February	Parent Consultation Evenings

### Travelling Crib

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send in their photographs of themselves with the Travelling Crib at home. The photographs can still be seen on the front page of the school website following the link in:

<http://www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk>



### Nativity

Many thanks to everyone involved in Oak and Willow Classes production of 'A Wriggly Nativity'. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy themselves as they re-told the Christmas story with their beautiful singing and acting.

Many thanks to staff and parents for all their hard work and to everyone who attended.



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### School Lunches

As from January, the Jacket potato option will be replaced with a Deli bar option, this will include a choice of jacket, pasta, wrap or baguette, a choice of filling e.g. ham, egg etc. and unlimited salad items.



The new menu will have the Deli Bar as a 3<sup>rd</sup> option. The new menu is available to view on the school website.

### Western Power Distribution Affordable Warmth



**Affordable Warmth** aims to reduce fuel poverty across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, by working with members of the community to reduce their fuel bills and to increase their knowledge and confidence about using energy wisely in the home. We can offer:

- Home visits.
- Home assessments to identify ways to make them more energy efficient.
- Help to find the best value energy tariff.
- Information about the use of smart meters.
- To contact the energy supplier where appropriate and advocate on customers behalf.
- To identify other help you need and to find others to help you.

**If you or someone you know needs help to lower their fuel bills or make their home more energy efficient, get in touch:**

Please Call: 01392 248 919 Ext 7141 / 7140

Email: [martin@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:martin@devoncommunities.org.uk)

Alternatively, visit our website:

<https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/western-power-distribution-affordable-warmth>

### EXCITING PRIMARY DANCE PROJECTS COMING Spread the word, the Dance Department @ SDCC have two really exciting Primary Dance opportunities starting in January 2018!



**NEW ~ Footsteps Project** - a 6 week project that gives keen dancers of all abilities the chance to learn new choreography and create their own as we work towards a performance piece for the Official South Dartmoor Community College Annual Dance Production, Body Language 2018



**Boys Dance Project 2018** - back by popular demand, the BDP is designed to capture the imagination of boys who love to dance, run, slide, fly...in fact, boys who love to move! We work together with the Boys Dance Company to create a performance piece for South Dartmoor Annual Dance Production, Body Language 2018

For more information about either of these projects please contact Miss Cowell from the Dance Department or to register your interest: [acowell@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:acowell@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)



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### 'Friends of St Joseph's' CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

We have raised a total amount of **£93.00**. Thank you to everyone who took part by donating or buying raffle tickets. Photos are on the website.

**£19.00** was raised by the 'Decorate a Christmas Tree' competition. Well done to all who entered.

### 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.

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### Christmas Dinner

We would like to thank Jason and Louise for the wonderful Christmas Dinner we had on Wednesday. The whole school came together to enjoy it.



# EPIPHANY

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany with  
a Mass in school at 9.15am  
on Friday 5th January.

Everyone is most welcome to join us.

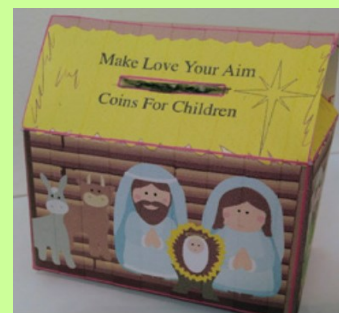
### COINS FOR CHILDREN

Catholic Children's  
Society Advent Appeal -  
'Make Love Your Aim'

Our school is supporting this year's appeal as we grow closer to Jesus and get ready for Christmas. The charity supports families living in Devon, Cornwall and Dorset, through one-off grants, crisis funds and parenting courses.

**Please bring your collection boxes back to school before Friday 5th January.** We will present them to the Children's Society after Mass.

Many thanks for your generosity.



We would like to thank everyone who brought in cards and presents. We are most grateful for your kindness. Happy Christmas.

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Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the Lantern Parade, despite the weather!



The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 12th January 2018.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.



The staff of St. Joseph's wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### St Joseph's Catholic Church Christmas Programme 2017

Sunday 17th December	Family Craft Session	2.00-4.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Parish Carol Service	7.00pm
Christmas Eve Masses	Sunday Mass, St Gregory's	9.00am
	Sunday Mass, St Joseph's	10.30am
	Christmas Mass for Children	5.30pm
	Christmas Vigil Mass	9.00pm
Christmas Day	Christmas Mass, St Gregory's	9.00am
	Christmas Mass, St Joseph's	10.30am
Boxing Day	Mass for St Stephen's Day	10.00am



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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

