



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

13th October 2017

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Lily-Mae Gould	Callum Holdway
Skyy Small	Filip Jaglowski
Ava-Marie Breslan	Jack Slatter
Ella-May Hervin	Harrison Hickman
Preslee Seymour	Ruby Slatter
Mason Honeywill	Autumn Avery

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

Congratulations to **Owen Steer** for receiving his blue belt for Martial Arts.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

**Pupils return to school after the half-term break on Tuesday 31st October.**

### Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

29th Sep-5th Oct	ASH	96.9%
6th—12th Oct	ASH	97.3%

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

### Dates

W/c 16th October	Parent Consultations
<b>NO CLUBS W/C 16th OCTOBER</b>	
17th October	School Photos
19th October	Phonics Workshop R & Yr1
23rd-27th October	Half-term holiday
30th October	Non-pupil day
2nd November	Flu Clinic Yrs. R-4

### Primary Sports

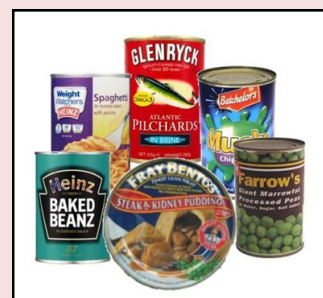
We welcome Mr Max Gillard, who has taken over as PE coach. Mr Gillard will teach PE lessons and continue with the sports' clubs. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.



Maple and Elm Class had the opportunity to put their scientific skills into action last week, when they observed a pig's heart as part of the learning on the circulatory system. Thanks to the kind donation from The Butchers at Darts Farm, they could really look at the different parts of the heart, explain the reasons for its design and apply their knowledge of things they had already learnt- and it was great fun too!

### Harvest Festival 2017

A big thank you to all those that brought in food and other items for our Harvest Festival on Friday 6th October. The HITs charity are very grateful for your kindness and generosity.



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### Year 6 Parents

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is 31st October. Apply at:

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

### Data Collection Sheets

Please amend, sign and return any outstanding Data Collection Sheets to school by Monday 16th October.

### Behaviour Policy Review 2017

Our draft Behaviour Policy can be viewed on the school website. Please email any views or suggestions to [admin@sjna.uk](mailto:admin@sjna.uk)

### School Council 2017/18



We were happy to announce our School Council Representatives for this academic year at assembly on Friday 6th October. The following are the proud representatives elected by their class:-

<b>WILLOW</b>	Sapphire Wood Imogen Voisey
<b>BIRCH</b>	Scarlett Evans Harry Slatter
<b>ASH</b>	Cormac Malone Maja Haponiuk
<b>MAPLE</b>	Jessica Matthews Preslee Seymour
<b>ELM</b>	Theo Delaney Lillianna Freer

We wish them well in their new roles.



Thank you for all the good wishes and support from parents and friends during last week's inspection. We will ensure the report is made available to you as soon as it is published.

### Parent Consultations

There are still appointments available for an opportunity to talk with your child's class teacher at next week's Parent Consultation evenings. This is a short appointment to discuss your child's learning and progress during the first six weeks of the year.

There will be an opportunity to come in to school and look at your child's books after half-term.



### One Million Children Praying the Rosary—18th October

This year, St Joseph's pupils will be joining one million children in thirty eight countries around the world in praying the Holy Rosary.

Children will be introduced to praying the Rosary and asked to pray particularly for personal peace

and family peace, as well as unity and peace throughout the world.

The word "rosary" originally meant "crown of roses," which is a symbol of the Virgin Mary. A rosary is a string of beads divided into five groups of ten beads by one bead, with a strand of five beads and a crucifix that hang from the bottom. Each bead has prayers that go along with it. These prayers focus on the life of Jesus.

Each child will receive their own Rosary to take home as a gift from the Catenian Rosary Group in partnership with Aid to the Church in Need.



The next newsletter will go home on:

Friday 3rd November 2017.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

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## Operation Christmas Child

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# Bless a Child With a Shoebox Gift

Leaflets have been sent home today with details of how you can help support this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal.

Choose whether your box is for a boy or girl, decide which age group, and have fun choosing exciting gifts: colouring pens, a notepad, a soft toy, a ball, a puzzle, a toy car, hair clips, gloves, toothpaste and toothbrush, wrapped soap, and so much more.

We understand that filling a whole shoe box is expensive, so you are welcome to donate individual gifts too. Visit our website for more information. We will be collecting your shoeboxes and gifts until Friday 10th November.

## Parking

Please can parents be considerate when parking around the school at the start and end of the school day. Our children's safety comes first and we ask for your co-operation in being considerate, sensible and aware of children and their families at all times. It is also important that a small number of parents are not causing the reputation of all parents to come into disrepute by using offensive or threatening behaviour to other parents or indeed doing this in front of our pupils.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

## House Captains



We were delighted to receive so many applications for the position of House Captain. We wish our new House Captains a successful year:

<b>Bradley</b>	Holly Emerson
	Chloe Leeper
<b>Ingsdon</b>	Hazel Mann
	Kai Kneeshaw
<b>Forde</b>	Sophia Phillips
	Kye-Lewis Steer
<b>Ugbrooke</b>	Lydia Stackhouse
	Joseph Hart

The staff would like to commend all the other pupils who sent in a letter of application. The standard was very high and you should all be proud of yourselves.



*May the wisdom of God inform our thinking.  
May the love of Jesus warm our hearts.  
May the joy of the Spirit bring lightness to our steps.  
May we be Christ-bearers to our world,  
and may the blessing of God's wisdom,  
love and joy be with us and among us  
now and always. Amen*

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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