



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



19th July 2019

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Amelia Thompson
Brendon Letchford
Caleb Peacock
Archie Grant
Imogen Bevan

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

22nd July	Sports Day at NAC (morning only)
	Leavers' 'Food and Fun' 5.30—7pm
23rd July	End of Year Mass 2pm
24th July	Last day of the school year.
5th Sept	Start of new school year

End of Year Mass

Tuesday 23rd July 2pm

This celebration Mass is for all members of our school community; children, staff, parents and governors. We would be delighted if you could join us.



G.I.F.T Chaplaincy Team

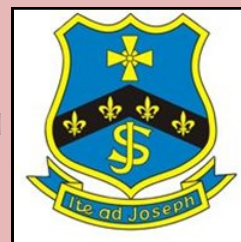
Ethan, Harley, Paige, Ella-May, Hallie, Riley, Ty, Cormac



On 8th July, eight Y4 children were commissioned by Bishop Mark as members of the Chaplaincy Team at St Joseph's. They will be our Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) Team, led by Sophie Scagell, our Lay Chaplain. Their role is to help us all to bear joyful witness of God's love. We look forward to their work with us.

School Uniform

It has been heartening to have an active School Council working with other pupils in the school to bring about change. This year a great deal of work, by the children, has gone into consideration of the school uniform. At their last meeting with governors on the 3rd July, some minor changes were agreed, and it was decided there needed to be greater compliance to ensure that all children are smart and represent the best of St Joseph's. A uniform sheet, with the agreed changes is included.



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If you can sponsor Mrs Hobart for Ride London we would be delighted and can guarantee that every penny will be spent on sports equipment



for our children to enjoy.

To make a donation please

visit [https://](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-hobart-100-miles)

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Good luck Mrs Hobart and thank you!



Torbay and Devon Civic Award at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

On Wednesday 3rd July, pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Newton Abbot, were presented with the Torbay and Devon Civic Award at a ceremony at Cuthbert Mayne School. The certificates were awarded to successful pupils by the Chair of Devon County Council. The Torbay and Devon Civic Award does a great deal to develop children's character. It encourages them to be compassionate and to take responsibility for positive change. It supports them in leading purposeful and full lives and is great preparation for both secondary school and the workplace. This is the third year the Year 6 children of St Joseph's have taken part, and they report that working towards the award has supported them to work collaboratively and independently, supported the development of managing and organising events and that it makes them feel 'grown up'.

The children had to pass a rigorous assessment and present all their evidence to an external assessor. We are very proud of the children's achievements on setting an excellent example of pro-active and servant citizens.



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Changes in 19/20

Jo Whittet, our instrumental teacher, is leaving at the end of this term. From September, Laura Whittet will be taking over Piano, Keyboards and Recorder. Laura can also offer tuition in Vocals, Flute and Saxophone.

Guitar lessons will be covered by Mark Farrin, an experienced teacher.

If you are interested in your child learning any of the above instruments, then please leave your email and/ or telephone number at the school office stating what instrument. Lessons will be available for Year 2 to Year 6 pupils.

Mrs Wilson

As part of the recent reorganisation, Mrs Wilson will no longer be the school's Assistant Headteacher in September, and her days for SENCO are reducing from three days to two days a week. We are grateful for Mrs Wilson's commitment and hard work in both her roles and delighted that we have been able to keep her as our SENCO in September.

Crossing Patrol

It is time for Francis to have his other knee operation. The date for his second knee replacement is on 19th August and he expects to return to school after 6 weeks.

During this time there will be no cover for the crossing outside the school. Parents are responsible at all times for the safety of their children on their whole journey to and from school, regardless of whether a formal crossing is provided.

Please take extra care when crossing the road and park your vehicles sensibly to make the area outside the school safe for our children.



One school club running next week!

KS2 Athletics

Monday 22nd July

Mr Mugford (3.30—4.30pm)

Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. McKinley for their kind gifts of a television and a Wii to the After School Club/ Breakfast Club.

We can hardly believe how brilliant you are!

Thank you so much.

Thank
You

SPORTS DAY

Parents are invited to join us for our Sports Day on the field at Newton Abbot College on **Monday 22nd July from 9.30-am—12.00pm.** Bring your own picnic blanket or chair and come along to cheer on the children.

Please ensure that the children have a big breakfast and that all lunch is left in school during the morning. We have been warned by Newton Abbot College that the seagulls are particularly fierce this year and it will be best if there is no food or snacks on the field.

After all the races, you are welcome to come back to school with us for a picnic lunch with your child followed by the presentation of the house cup, before the normal school day resumes in the afternoon.

Children to wear their house colours if possible.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative designed to keep children reading through the holidays. Each child is invited to read six books, collect stickers and rewards along the way, and receive a real medal when they complete the challenge. This year, the theme is Space Chase, inviting children on an out-of-this-world adventure alongside the super space Rocket family and meet lots of other fun characters along the journey. Youngsters need to pick up their mission folder from the library and choose two books on each visit, collecting their stickers and rewards as they zoom their way towards the finish line to claim their certificate and medal.

How the Challenge works?

- Children read six library books of their choice collecting stickers and incentives along the way
- Library staff are on hand to advise and run fun family activities.

Sign up at you local library

- Visit www.summertimechallenge.org.uk and Devon libraries pages at www.devon.gov.uk/zone

Thank you to all our parents who have given of your time freely this year to support us on trips, at fundraising events and helping in school.

Thank you to our parishioners, Chris Brackin and Rose The, who come every week to hear children read.

Thank you to our School Councillors: Jack Slatter, Freya Barry, Cormac Malone, Carla East, Sophia Phillips and Ellie East.

Thank you to our House Captains: Maria Warren, Ellie East, Laurel Mann, Owen Steer, Sophia Phillips, Lacey Hibble, Autumn Avery, Ruby Slatter and William Stackhouse

Thank you to the 'Friends' who have worked hard to raise money for the school.

Good bye and good luck to all the pupils, staff and parents who are leaving us at the end of term. May you be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

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