



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



17th January 2020

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Amelia Robinson	India Nekola Steer
Alfie Tooley	Riley Hales
Eliana Quainoo	George Yeadon
Joseph Ritchie	Inka Kozlowski
Ella-May Hervin	Lacey Hibble

The Governors and staff of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting the appropriate high expectations. St Joseph's uniform is:

- Grey or navy blue trousers, pinafore or knee-length skirt
- Sky blue shirt and navy blue tie or
- Sky blue polo shirt
- Navy blue logo-embroidered sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White or navy blue socks
- Black school shoes

**Leggings, trainers and patterned socks are not allowed.**

## Dates

Mon. 20th Jan	RWI Phonics Workshop for parents 9.10 am
<b>Tues. 21st Jan</b>	<b>Dolphin Swimming</b>
Thurs. 23rd Jan	Seahorse/ Starfish Local area walk.
<b>Thurs. 23rd Jan</b>	<b>Stingray Musical Theatre</b>
Mon. 27th Jan	RWI Phonics Workshop for parents 9.10 am
<b>Tues. 28th Jan</b>	<b>Dolphin Swimming</b>
Fri. 31st Jan	Newsletter
<b>Tues. 4th Feb</b>	<b>UK Parliament Assembly</b>
Thurs. 6th Feb	Weight & Height Measure Reception & Year 6
<b>Thurs. 6th Feb</b>	<b>Stingray Musical Theatre</b>
Mon. 10th Feb	Year 1 Games Festival
<b>Mon. 10th Feb</b>	<b>GIFT Team to Southlands</b>
10th, 11th and 12th Feb.—Parent Consultations.	

**LATENESS  
AT THE START  
OF THE DAY**

**When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates.**



**ATTENDANCE** Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

20th Dec- 9th Jan	<b>DOLPHIN 96.9%</b>
10th Jan - 16th Jan	<b>TURTLE 97.9%</b>

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Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne

Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Governor for Child Protection: Sophie Scagell



### Read Write Inc. Phonics

At St Joseph's, we believe reading to be a very important part of children's learning and, as part of our work to improve outcomes for pupils, we have changed to Read Write Inc which is the market leader in teaching children to read. We chose this particular programme because it:

- is rooted in synthetic phonics.
- has been tried and tested over and over again
- is systematic, structured and therefore results in rapid teaching and learning of sounds and blending.
- means that, importantly and simply, when children know these sounds well and they can blend, they read books that are carefully matched to the sounds they know, which means that children are successful from the very beginning!

Although we already had a number of RWI resources in school we have recently been able to order extensive new resources to support the reading books that go home. We have been able to purchase these resources by applying for and being given a grant of £1300, the remainder of Mrs Hobart's sponsored bicycle ride and some of the money that we received from the sale of Bernadette Winsor's wardrobe.

In addition to the phonics workshop we ran in the autumn term, we would like to invite you to a parents' meeting to update you on our new approach to teaching phonics and to observe a phonics lesson. We have two opportunities for parents to attend:

**Monday 20th January 9.10 am**

**Monday 27th January 9.10 am**

### School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club.

**Monday** KS1 Football - Mr Vile (4.30)

**Tuesday** FizzPop Science (paid club)

**Wednesday** Street Dance (paid club)

**Thursday** KS2 Football (Paid club)

Y6 Civic Award club  
Mrs Soby (4.30)

Gardening Club starts again after half term.

### School

#### Lunches

Please make sure that you have talked through the



menu options for school lunches with your child. On a few occasions, children have requested something different than their order and this has resulted in not enough of a particular food choice for other pupils.

Ideally, please pre-order your child's meals in advance. Discussion with your child is essential as this will be what they receive, they cannot change their mind on the day. If meals are not pre-ordered there is a risk that there will not be enough of a particular food choice for your child.

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**Chorister Outreach Programme**

Along with other children in Teignbridge, Dolphin Class are working with Andrew Downton and Elfyn Jones from Exeter Cathedral this half term. Their work will be showcased at a concert in the cathedral on Saturday 29th February. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to enrich their experience of collaborative music-making.

**Bikability**

Congratulations to the children who have completed their Bikability training this week. They braved the storms and heavy rain, and were highly commended for their positive attitudes and commitment.

**Pupil Chaplains**

Our GIFT Team made their first monthly visit to Southlands armed with board games to play with the residents. We thank them for their service. Next month, they will be taking along their topic books and sharing their work about Newton Abbot. The residents will be able to share their memories of Newton Abbot in the past.

**Stingray Musical Theatre**

Ms Hawkes, the new Performing Arts Teacher at Coombeshead Academy, is leading Primary workshops with Stingray this term. These workshops will be Musical Theatre Workshops and support pupils to build confidence, learn more about Performing Arts and also supports National Curriculum requirements.

**Spring term topic themes**

**Key Stage 1**

Carnival of the animals

**Key stage 2**

Out of Africa

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This term we are revisiting our **Gospel Values**. Each week at our Monday act of worship we will revisit one of our values. All adults in school are looking for those moments when children try to live the values so that they can award one of our new 'Gospel Value' stickers. This week we thought about Courage.

**Gospel Value**

Standing up for the truth.

**School rule**

We will be brave to try new things and stand up for what we know is right.

**Internet-enabled Christmas gifts**

The NAHT have suggested five tips for parents whose children have received internet-enabled gifts, so that they are as 'switched on' as possible when they talk to their children:

- Make sure your children feel confident they can come to you if they need help or are unsure about anything that happens online.
- Have open and open regular conversations with your children about technology and their use of it. Agree a set of family rules, including around screen time.
- Check the capabilities of the devices your child uses including toys. Does it have internet access? Can it be used to communicate with others?
- Be aware of and follow the age requirements of many social media apps and games.
- Find out what safety tools or parental controls are available, and set them up as appropriate. For younger children, supervise their use.

These guidelines have been drafted in cooperation with Childnet International, a non-profit organisation.





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#THE WORD



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**DATES FOR 2020**

**JUNIOR CAMP**

(YR3-6)

AUGUST 2ND -  
7<sup>TH</sup>

**SENIOR CAMP**

(YR7-10)

JULY 26TH -31ST

St. PETROC

(YR11-12)

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