



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



13th September 2019

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

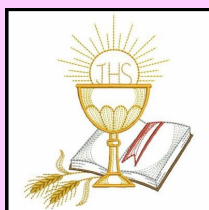
Logan Parnell
William Stackhouse
Ben Chambers
Harry Robinson
Carla East

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I would especially like to welcome Mr Caddy, all the new children and their families who have started at St Joseph's this term. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. I wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year.

Kelly Dunne, Headteacher

Preparation for First Holy Communion



The Parish are beginning their preparation for another group of children to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

It is hoped the first session will be on Sunday, September 22 and then one, or sometimes two, times a month. The children would then make their First Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday - June 07 2020. Please contact Deborah on 07961099173 if you would like more information.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

5th Sept – 11th Sept **DOLPHIN 99.6%**

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website. Below are key dates for the next two weeks.

17th Sept	Phonics Meeting for parents
18th Sept.	SSP Year 5 football development day
19th/ 26th Sept.	Starfish Forest School
25th Sept.	Year 5 & 6 High 5 Netball
26th Sept.	Individual & siblings Photos

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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

Congratulations to Mrs Hobart for completing Ride London and thank you for raising an amazing £520 for St Joseph's. We are so proud of her! The money will go towards new sports equipment, in particular new netball posts. Mrs Hobart will start running netball club, for Y5/6 On Tuesday 24th September.



School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club. (Please refer to individual letters for more details.)

Monday Football for KS1
Mr Vile (4.30pm)

Tuesday Netball—starts Tuesday 24th Sept.

Thursday KS2 Football (paid club)

Thursday Choir - Mrs Wilson (4.15pm)

School Council

Children in Y1 upwards have the chance to be a member of the School Council. To stand for election pupils need to write a manifesto that:

- Introduces themselves
- Explains why they want to be a School Council Representative
- Explains why they would be a good choice for their class



Parents are welcome to help their younger children to write their manifesto, but it is important that the child wants to be a School Council Representative. All manifestos are to be handed to **Mrs Soby by 3.30 pm on Monday 30th September**. Elections will be held in classes on Wednesday 9th October. The new School Council will be announced at Prayer and Praise on Friday 17th October. Late manifestos will not be accepted.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please note that Mrs Wilson's days as SENCO are Tuesday and Wednesday. She will be happy to meet with parents and deal with any queries or concerns on these days.

School Uniform



Thank you for supporting the correct school uniform. The children look wonderful: smart and tidy and a real credit to yourselves and super ambassadors for the school. All of us at St Joseph's appreciate your efforts.

We respectfully remind you that jewellery, with the exception of watches and small stud earrings, is not allowed. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

We are still awaiting delivery of the new school ties. They will be available from the school office at £2 for an pre-tied tie and £3 for a tie from the school office.

We will let you know when we have sourced the school badges so that parents can, if they wish, buy the cheaper jumpers and cardigans from local supermarkets and sew the badge on.

Teaching children to be responsible for and take care of their belongs is the best way of not losing items but just in case please make sure that all items of clothing are named.

Crossing Patrol

Francis has had his knee operation. He is recovering well and hopes to return to work on Monday 14th October. Devon County Council do not provide cover during this time and so there is will no crossing patrol 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.



Asthma

We are required to keep a register of children with asthma. If your child has had a diagnosis in the last 12 months, please inform the office, so that your child can be included on the register. We recognise that some children's asthma is seasonal or brought on by colds and coughs, but the advice from the school nurse is that any child with a diagnosis of asthma must have an inhaler in school at all times. Please ask your doctor for an additional inhaler which can stay in school. Thank you.



May the Lord bless us as we begin this new school year together.

May His loving presence surround us.

May we find peace and happiness in work and play.

Primary Sports

This year, Primary Sports will be teaching PE for Stingray and Seahorse classes, in addition to their class teachers. Mr Vile is the sports coach for this year and we are delighted that he working with us to improve the children's performance at PE.



Information sessions for Reception and Year 1 parents.

Tuesday 17th September

9.00am

Come and find out how we teach phonics for reading and writing.

Find out about the national Y1 Phonics Screening Check.

Take away a goody bag of resources and ideas to help you support your child at home.

Struggling with a reward system at home? One of our parents highly recommends 'ClassDojo Beyond School'. You can start a free trial via your existing app or visit www.classdojo.com/beyondschoool



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